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Darwin, God & American Education

EDITOR'S *note*

Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell was earthward bound at the completion of the 1971 moon mission when he had what can only be described as a mystical experience. This pragmatic engineer, naval air captain and physical scientist, viewing the planet Earth floating as it were in the vastness of space, was overcome by a profound sense of the interconnectedness of all creation. "The presence of divinity became almost palpable," Mitchell wrote afterward, "and I knew that life in the universe was not just an accident based on random processes."

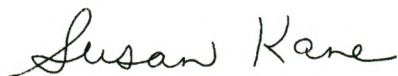
All of which left Mitchell, trained to view the objective world with the rigor and critical thinking of conventional science, in a quandary. In part to examine more fully this new "knowledge" acquired during his space journey, he and other like-minded explorers founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences in 1973. More than three decades later, IONS is a worldwide research and educational organization. Its mission, according to the Institute's Web site (www.noetic.org), is "to expand our understanding of human possibility by investigating aspects of reality – mind, consciousness and spirit – that include but go beyond physical phenomena" and that do not "necessarily fit conventional scientific models, while maintaining a commitment to scientific rigor."

I think of Edgar Mitchell and IONS as I reflect upon the focus of Christine Mullaney's cover story – the heated dispute being played out in public school districts, in the courts and on college and university campuses nationwide between evolutionists and proponents of intelligent design, which holds that the natural world is too complex to have developed without the involvement of some superior intelligence.

Simply put, ID supporters want their approach to be taught in science classrooms as an alternate explanation to Charles Darwin's 150-year-old theory of evolution, which states that all organisms evolved gradually over millions of years through the process of natural selection. Many scientists – some of whom view ID as repackaged creationism, which upholds the biblical account of creation found in Genesis – argue that ID, unlike evolution, is not based on observable phenomena such as fossil and DNA records and therefore is not a science. Present ID in a theology or philosophy class, they say, but not in science.

Which makes perfect sense to me, and I imagine, to other folks like me who accept both the existence of a creator God and the theory of evolution, but believe firmly that we must leave science to the scientists and leave the question Darwin never presumed to answer – who or what started the whole ball rolling – to the theologians and the philosophers. There's room to explore it all in academia, but perhaps not at the same table.

Still, I am encouraged by the work of IONS, which seeks to "build bridges between science and spirit." What Edgar Mitchell experienced in space may be too big to fit into the confines of our current bank of scientific knowledge. After all, we are still evolving beings. I'd wager that even Darwin would not discount that.



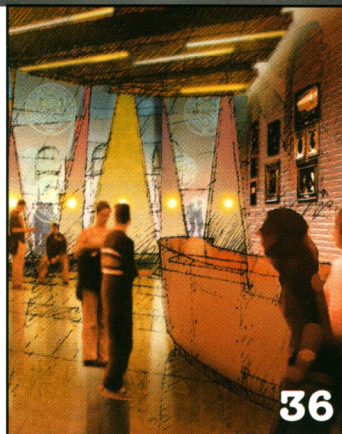
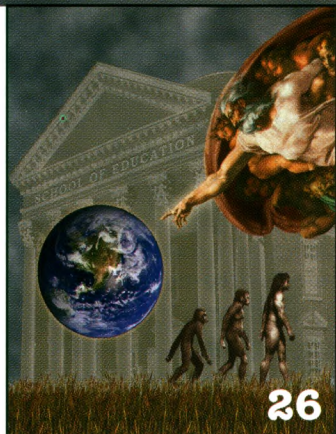
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LETTERS to the editor

Alumni views on academic freedom

Dear Editor:

We need to spend more time educating our students in the principles of ethics and the art of critical thinking. It is only when young adults get to college that they might be exposed to a course or two in these very critical areas. That education and exposure needs to start much earlier in a child's education.

All of us, parents and teachers alike, have failed miserably to adjust the educational curriculum in a way that is meaningful to our children. We are now marginally more effective in teaching the same old stuff! In lacking the courage to frequently question what we teach or what our children should be learning, educators are feeling the pressure of accountability. In most circumstances, that should not be an issue.

For those of us not working directly in teaching, academic freedom is a term closely tied to the word tenure. That connection may be troubling to some in academia, but to others it can be much more disturbing. I am not comfortable with anyone receiving preferential career protection just because of time served. I believe we should all be measured based upon our current and ongoing performance. No one is above the law and policing oneself is too self-serving to be truly effective.

I don't necessarily agree with David Horowitz, but I do agree that educators need some latitude to teach effectively. Although I think it is fair to say that many educators are more liberal, that does not automatically suggest they teach in a biased way. Still, your message that we may be seeing some disgruntled students suggests that their message is somehow less credible than the highly educated professors who teach them. It's that depth of self-indulgence that makes educators suspect.

We are all under a similar microscope in whatever our chosen field, but we can also be assured that the cream will

always rise to the top. Those who fall short (public or private) will suffer the consequences of thinking they are above reproach and not subject to constructive criticism.

The good news is that St. Joseph's is a private school whose history of solid integrity makes anyone associated with it very proud. The results speak for themselves. My three-plus years at St. Joseph's changed my life for the better and, along the way, I was lucky to have professors challenge me in a positive sense every step of the way. For that, I will be forever grateful.

Let David Horowitz be a reminder that we need to keep our house in order, not as a threat to the educator.

Dennis Grecco
Class of 1995

Dear Ms. Kane:

St. Joseph's College Magazine is to be commended for covering the "hot button" topic of academic freedom on campus ["The Academic Freedom Wars," Fall 2005]. I agree that we should be vigilant in warding off unnecessary governmental interference in academia. SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill's affirmation that academia's role is "to educate, not indoctrinate" is completely in tune with my personal views.

Allow me to illustrate some instances, however, where I believe your treatment of the subject of academic freedom on campus is less than totally objective.

1. On your cover and in your editor's note:
 - Blackboard item "Liberal Bias" is modified by a question mark implying that it is of dubious validity, whereas none of the other items is modified in any way.
 - David Horowitz, noted author, editor, lecturer and former Marxist, is labeled

pejoratively as a "conservative activist." On the other hand, Tom Oxter, who holds opposite views, is simply identified as "president of a Florida higher education group." Yet Mr. Oxter's charge that Mr. Horowitz's objective is "really the beginning of a witch hunt" stands unchallenged.

2. In the body of Christine Mullaney's article:
 - Again, "conservative activist" modifies Mr. Horowitz's name whereas opponents of Mr. Horowitz's proposals (William Scheuerman, Richard Innuzzi) are quoted approvingly without any modifiers suggesting their political persuasion.
 - SJC Professor Raymond D'Angelo gratuitously characterizes Mr. Horowitz as a "provocative extremist," without any rebuttal.
 - Panel on p. 31 suggests that the Student Bill of Rights "virtually identical to" Mr. Horowitz's proposed Academic Bill of Rights (ABOR) is widely adopted throughout academia. In fact, only 10 universities have passed a version of ABOR.
 - Panel on "Useful Sources" lists 10 Web sites of which only two might be expected to treat ABOR objectively.

Actions speak louder than words. SJC could best demonstrate its commitment to academic freedom on campus by broadening its pool of outside speakers to include some conservative thinkers, such as Thomas Sowell, JC Watts, Rick Santorum, Professor Walter Williams, Monica Crowley and Laura Ingram. None of these would seem to fit President Hill's characterization of "controversial speakers...that are at odds with our basic value system." Admittedly, they all would probably "present options that are not mainstream." But isn't that what diversity on campus is all about?

A favorable liberal bias is evident on many campuses, in the media and in your editor's note. I wonder why academia is so tolerant of liberal philosophy and yet reluctant to present conservative ideas. Contrast campus reception of speakers Senator

Clinton and Cindy Sheehan with the treatment accorded Ann Coulter at the University of Connecticut.

*Julia Twomey Earley
Class of 1958*

Author's note:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter.

As to my article, I'm puzzled by your objection to my use of "conservative activist" to characterize Mr. Horowitz. It's a fair description of his principal activities that in no way impugns them or him. Messrs. Scheuerman and Iannuzzi are identified as heading two anti-ABOR education groups.

The Student Bill of Rights and the ABOR, both authored by Mr. Horowitz, are virtually identical. As I noted, the ABOR bills have been adopted by 10 universities, and 150 SAF chapters have been established.

Five organizations on the useful sources panel oppose the ABOR, two back it, one was founded specifically to support free speech rights on campus and the other stands firmly for the protection of free expression. These sites provide a wealth of information to delve deeper into free expression topics.

On a personal note, I agree with you that the tolerated shout-down of invited speaker Ann Coulter at the University of Connecticut was hypocritical and inimical to free speech.

Thank you for profile

Dear Ms. Kane:

This is to thank you for including a profile about me in the latest issue of the *St. Joseph's College Magazine* ["Professor gives voice to the voiceless," Fall 2005]. I have received many kind congratulations and complimentary comments—both verbally and via e-mail—from former and current students, colleagues and staff members since the issue came out. I'm not sure if I deserve all the honor, but I know that I have a lot to live up to.

I also thank Ms. Anne Buckley for writing the piece, for her perceptive questions and animating interview that drew me out of my shell.

*Dr. Kenneth Bauzon
Associate Professor of Political Science*

Congratulations

Dear Susan:

I receive and read some seven or eight college publications, and I must tell you that you and the *St. Joseph's College Magazine* staff have done an outstanding job on this issue [Fall 2005]. The layout, topics and presentation are excellent. Though I do not agree completely with your editor's note, I accept the fact that it is your opinion.

Congratulations again on a job well done.

*Brendan Sheedy
Office of Counseling and Career Services*

Dear Susan:

Many thanks for the latest splendid edition of the College magazine. It was a wonderful combination of news bites of what's happening at SJC and lengthier serious articles. As usual, the graphics were outstanding. The end product is truly a testament to the care and enthusiasm of the entire staff in producing a first class, very informative issue. Congratulations!

*S. Agnes Meagher
Director, Callahan Library*

We welcome letters from our readers. Please limit your letters to 500 words or less and e-mail to skane@sjcny.edu. You may also send your comments to Susan Kane, St. Joseph's College Magazine, 319 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, NY 11772. Please note that letters may be edited for space or clarity.

Talk by S. Helen Prejean highlights discourse on the death penalty



S. Helen Prejean's "mission" was born on a cold Louisiana night in the spring of 1984 after she witnessed the execution of the convicted killer she had advised and befriended for two and one-half years while he was on death row.

"I remember thinking there in the dark, no one's ever going to see this, but I've been a witness, so I've got to tell the story," the acclaimed author of *Dead Man Walking* told a full auditorium at SJC's Suffolk Campus.

A Sister of St. Joseph and an outspoken death penalty critic, S. Helen spoke as part of a campus-wide exploration of the issue of capital punishment that was highlighted by her March 3 talk and the performance of the play *Dead Man Walking*, staged at SJC's own Clare Rose Playhouse.

"It's an issue we really should be addressing with our students," said Playhouse Director S. Grace Edna Rowland, who accepted an invitation from The Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project to present the play and involve academic departments, student organizations and other campus groups in interdisciplinary discussions within and outside the classroom.

Tim Robbins, who directed the award-winning film version of S. Helen's book and wrote the stage play, began offering the play to colleges and universities in 2005 at S. Helen's request "to widen the circle of public discourse on the death penalty," especially among young adults. To date, it has been performed in approximately 63 campus venues. The feedback he receives will help Mr. Robbins create the play's final version.

Speaking prior to one of the Clare Rose performances, S. Helen addressed cast members (which included SJC alumni, stu-



dents and faculty): "You are putting your lives and your talents and your energies at the disposal of the community to help invite the community into a deeper journey on one of the very big moral issues of our time."

S. Helen spoke of her own spiritual journey and outreach to the families of the perpetrators and the victims alike—all of whom suffer. "In one way or another, we all struggle with this," she said. "And it has to do with the outrage when we hear of what has happened to innocent human beings whose lives have been terribly violated. The outrage is legitimate. . . it's what are we going to do with the outrage."

For her, the only way out of the cycle of hate is forgiveness. "So what are you for—compassion or vengeance, life or death, love or hate?" she asked. "You can't call [capital punishment] an act of love. It's an extreme form of hatred to say to a human being that you are so despicable. . . that we are going to cut you out of the web of life. And the attitude that goes with that. . . that we have the mind of God that says, 'Yeah, God's finished with you, too, so we're going to send you into eternity.'"

S. Helen's talk was followed by a question and answer session and book signing. Her most recent work, *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*, was published in 2004. S. Helen said that the proceeds from the sale of her books benefited The Moratorium Campaign, "whose sole purpose is to awaken and educate the American people so we can put the death penalty down." ■



Remembering Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life at SJC presented a lecture, "The Life, Death and Meaning of Bonhoeffer," in February as part of a worldwide commemoration of the centennial of the birth of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian and Protestant pastor who challenged his church to stand with the Jews in resistance to Adolf Hitler. Renowned Bonhoeffer scholar Dr. Geoffrey Kelly, chair of the Dept. of Religion at La Salle University in Philadelphia and author of two books about Bonhoeffer, was the guest speaker.

New members named to SJC Board of Trustees

The St. Joseph's College Board of Trustees has elected four new members: Dr. Mary Ellen Freeley '67, Lisa Rose '97, Robert Isaksen and William C. McGarry.

Dr. Freeley, superintendent of the Malverne Union Free School District, has taught at every level, from first grade through graduate school. She has served as an elementary school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent of both the Carle Place and the Glen Cove City school districts. Dr. Freeley has a master's degree from Queens College and a doctorate in education from St. John's University.

Fellow SJC alumna Lisa Rose is chief executive officer and president of Clare Rose, Inc., one of the country's largest Anheuser-Busch wholesalers. Named to her current posts in 2003, she represents the third generation to head the successful family-run distribution business founded by her grandparents in 1936. In addition to the SJC board, Ms. Rose sits on the boards of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital and Suffolk County Community College.

Robert Isaksen, who was honored at the College's 2005 Dinner Dance, is the Long Island market president for the Bank of America. He is also market executive for Bank of America's Healthcare and Institutions Group in metro New York, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Isaksen is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta, and he holds an M.B.A. from Pace University.

William C. McGarry is president and chief executive officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank. Mr. McGarry has been associated with Ridgewood since 1987, advancing through the ranks from comptroller to his present position. Mr. McGarry serves on the boards of the Angel Guardian Foundation and Walk the Walk in Action, Ltd., and he is director of the Long Island chapter of the Financial Executives International. He graduated from Lehman College of the City of New York. ■

St. Joseph's teams with Alzheimer's Association

St. Joseph's is pleased to announce a new initiative and recent collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association Long Island (AALI) in developing a comprehensive training program specific to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Designed to provide continuing staff education and training for long-term health care professionals, the new program will assist adult health care facilities and assisted living residences in meeting updated and revised guidelines and regulations mandated by the state.

"There is an absolute need to train professional caregivers in this area," said Dr. Gail Lamberta, associate professor and chair of the SJC Recreation Department. "Our collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association goes beyond the educational component. We share similar goals and together are making societal differences."

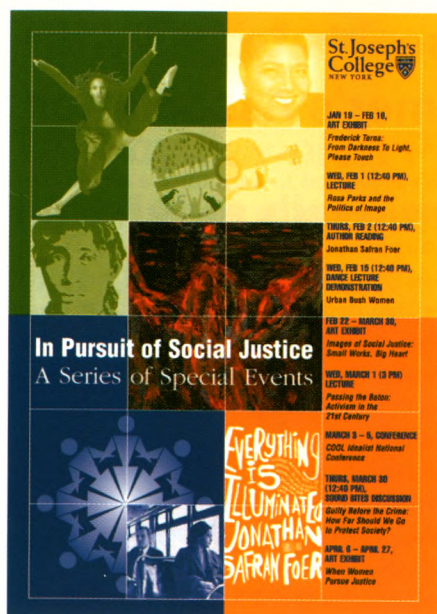
The curriculum was also designed to provide effective and meaningful activities, support services and stress management techniques for caregivers as well as patients and their families.

A pilot class for the 3-credit, 5-module course launched in late January 2006 at the Suffolk Campus. In March 2006, administrators and nursing supervisors previewed the curriculum at AALI's Annual Education Conference. Plans are under way to offer at least four additional classes at off-site locations in Nassau and Suffolk Counties by September 2006. The College and AALI also plan to work with additional New York Alzheimer's chapters to develop a statewide training program and to obtain national accreditation. ■

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In commemoration of Black History Month, the Office of Diversity Initiatives in Suffolk presented a series of events, including a performance on Feb. 23 by Daphne's Divine Dance. The group, in a return engagement, performed to songs such as "Strange Fruit" and "Four Women" by Nina Simone and "Say It Loud" by James Brown.





Brooklyn Campus hosts a series of events focusing on social justice

The Council for the Arts, Office of Student Services, student organizations and academic departments at the Brooklyn Campus teamed up to present a series of special events this spring entitled, "In Pursuit of Social Justice." The semester-long program included art exhibits, lectures, readings and performances and incorporated

Brooklyn community and held in conjunction with the Clinton Hill Art Gallery. Ms. Crossley, who also lectured on the topic of activism at the campus, was the guest presenter at the exhibit's award ceremony on March 1.

Another exhibit, "When Women Pursue Justice," documented the creation of an outdoor mural located on Greene Street in Brooklyn. The College program featured photographs, drawings and materials used by Artmakers Inc. in creating the work as well as an on-site talk that was attended by SJC students. Dedicated to the late Shirley Chisholm, the mural celebrates 90 women who were involved in movements for social change.

The series also included readings by award-winning author Jonathan Safran Foer, whose novel, *Everything is Illuminated*, was named Book of the Year by *The Los Angeles Times* and recently released as a film starring Elijah Wood.

As part of the program, students from both campuses attended the COOL (Campus Outreach Opportunity League) Conference in Nashville, TN. The annual gathering of students nationwide included sessions on cultivating leadership skills and organizing charitable events and social awareness activities. ■

the visit of Woodrow Wilson Fellow Callie Crossley.

According to Council for the Arts Chair Stacey Temple, the series was created in response to SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill's call for an enhanced sense of civic engagement within the College community.

A highlight of the series was the exhibit, "Images of Social Justice: Small Works, Big Heart," featuring works by artists in the

SJC student wins an Emmy

SJC junior Breianne Travalena took home an Emmy for her TV feature, "Grodski's Park," the profile of a St. James' man who builds and displays charming birdhouses. Her broadcast on "News 12 Long Island" was honored in the Single News Feature category by the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the 49th annual New York Emmy Awards for Broadcast Journalism held March 12 at the Marriott Marquis in Manhattan.

"When I heard the words 'and the Emmy goes to,' my entire body began to shake," Breianne said the next day. "I've never had to get up on stage in front of 700 people before, not to mention 700 well known people. My acceptance speech is a big blur, but I do remember sharing with the audience, 'I can't stop shaking!'"

Breianne, who worked for "News 12 Long Island" before enrolling at St. Joseph's to complete a degree in therapeutic recreation, received two New York Emmy nominations for her role in the production of "Grodski's Park" and "James Madocks," another feature about a Special Olympics record breaker in speed walking.

"Grodski's Park" is the story of Charles Grodski, a 78-year-old retired woodworker who transformed his property into a park where people can view and purchase the unique avian habitats he creates. Mr. Grodski donates all the proceeds from the sales of his birdhouses to charity. He is the author of *The Birdhouse Builder's Manual*.

President of the Recreation Club on the Suffolk Campus, Breianne said that while winning an Emmy is an experience that will be hard to top, she has no regrets about her decision to leave the news business and pursue the field of recreation. "Finishing my degree to become a recreation therapist is the one thing I will be most proud of," she said. ■



College president honored

SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill was the recipient of three recent awards presented by Long Island community and business organizations.

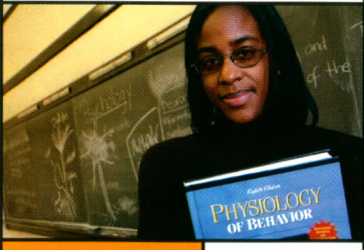
S. Elizabeth was recognized in September by The Lighthouse Mission in Patchogue during its third annual "Feed the Children" fundraiser. Also honored that evening were New York State Senator Caesar Trunzo, WBAB/WBLI Radio and Christine Coniff Sheahan from *Networking Magazine*. "News 12 Long Island" anchor and SJC alumna Danielle Campbell was the master of ceremonies.

In October, Promote Long Island, NY, presented S. Elizabeth with its 2005 Long Island Education Award at its 12th Annual Spirit of Long Island Awards Breakfast. S. Elizabeth's fellow honorees were John Halsey, president of the Peconic Land Trust; Robert Palmer, chairman of the Long Island Wine Council; and Edmund Cortez, president and CEO of Abilities.

S. Elizabeth was honored once again in January when the Suffolk County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission presented her with its 2006 Public Service Award. The award recognizes those with a demonstrated record of dedication to civil rights in dealing with the general public. ■

SJC's ad campaign garners praise for third year

Reach Out to Others.
Finding your calling can be a challenge. Yet senior Anne-Kemys Dubousson already has. A transfer student searching for her niche, Anne-Kemys found it at St. Joseph's, the advisors, faculty and community she needed to nurture her interest in nurturing others. Now a Psychology major studying human behavior, she's preparing to help others face their life challenges. She's also reaching out to the community through service learning - working with her Group Dynamics class to collect funds and clothing for needy children. As she looks ahead to graduate school and a career as a child psychologist, Anne-Kemys knows she has the academic, professional and personal support system she needs. "You can't."
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Report, the Admissions Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This is the third consecutive year that SJC has garnered awards in the competition. The College launched its current advertising and marketing campaign in October 2003. ■



Visiting Woodrow Wilson Fellow urges SJC students to embrace activism

St. Joseph's College hosted Emmy award-winning television news and documentary producer Callie Crossley during the week of February 27. As part of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program, Ms. Crossley met and exchanged ideas with students, faculty and administrators on both campuses. The highlight of her visit was a public lecture entitled, "Passing the Baton: Activism in the 21st Century."

"Activism is a continuum requiring a hand-off, like passing a baton—each generation takes a leg of the race," Ms. Crossley told a full auditorium of students, faculty, alumni and friends of the College. "It's a long distance race, not a sprint, and the concept of activism is never out of date." Sharing her own rich experiences as an advocate for civil rights, among other causes, Ms. Crossley outlined what she referred to as a "prescription for activism."

"First," she said, "pay attention to what's going on around you; second, register to vote and vote; and third, participate."

Most famous for her work on the critically acclaimed PBS documentary "Eyes on the Prize," which won an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary Feature, Ms. Crossley also spent 13 years as a network TV producer for ABC's "20/20," where she produced "Black in White America," a prime time special on race relations in the U.S. Ms. Crossley, who has been a commentator on CNN and NPR, garnered several journalism awards, including a national Emmy and an Edward R. Murrow Award. She appears weekly on the WGBH-TV program, "Beat the Press."

Ms. Crossley wrapped up her moving speech with a directive: "Students of St. Joseph's, I urge you to run your leg of the race. I have a firm grip on the baton and I'm looking back waiting for you to catch up."

Ms. Crossley's visit marked the third consecutive year that the College has hosted a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. ■

FACULTY & STAFF *notes*

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Dr. Tae Sook Kim (center, standing) with students at Keimyung University College of Nursing in Korea.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Diane Pfadenhauer presented workshops on the subject of workplace investigations to the Nassau County Bar Assoc. and the St. John's University School of Law, Labor & Employment Law Society. Other workshops included: "Employment Law and Recent Legislative Updates for the Management of Assisted Living Centers throughout Long Island," sponsored by the Alzheimer's Assoc.; SJC HR Forum on "Religious Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace;" and SJC small business forum on "Employment Law for the Small Business Owner." Prof. Pfadenhauer also authored an article on the risks of instant messaging technology in the workplace in *Law Technology News*. Her blog (www.strategichrlawyer.com) was named "Best Recruiting Law Blog" by Recruiting.com and Jobster.

CHILD STUDY

Dr. Joan Silver presented a workshop, "Numeracy Strategies for Students with Disabilities," for the NYS Council for Exceptional Children.

FINE ARTS

S. Pat Manning (chair) exhibited the photographs she took while on sabbatical last year in the Board Room Gallery (Suffolk Campus) during the month of April.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Dr. William Bengston (coordinator) and Prof. John Hazzard (Sociology) presented, "Consciousness of Place among Conservative Protestants in the United States," at the Eastern

Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Other presentations by Dr. Bengston include: "Some Methodological Implications of Resonance Theory for Control Groups in Research," at the Indiana University Medical School; and the plenary presentation, "Can Healing Be Taught?" at the ISSSEEM Annual Meeting.

LIBRARY

SJC welcomes **Dr. William Meng** to the McEntegart Hall-Library on the Brooklyn Campus as head cataloger. Dr. Meng comes to St. Joseph's from Columbia University's Teachers College. Prior to that, he worked for the Queens Public Library providing reference and instructional services.

NURSING

Laurel Janssen Breen was interviewed as part of an article appearing in *Newsday* about the shortage of public health nurses in Suffolk County.

Dr. Tae Sook Kim visited Korea during her fall 2005 sabbatical. She spent her time conducting studies on meditation and concurrent validity of well-being at Keimyung University College of Nursing. She also taught a graduate course on nursing theory at the college and was a guest lecturer on nursing theory at other schools of nursing in Korea.

RECREATION

Robin Lombardo was selected for inclu-



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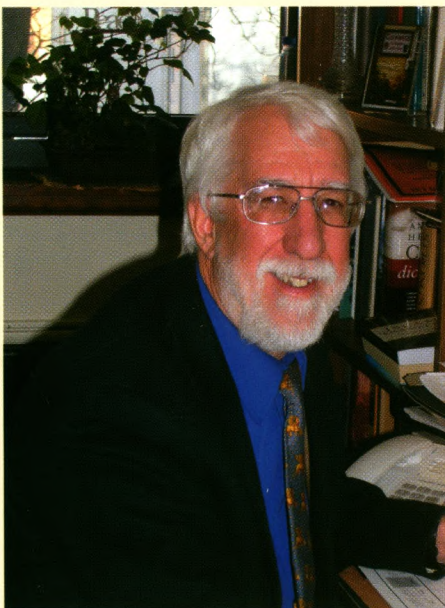


Dr. Michael Hanophy with the plaque, medal and lapel pin that are presented to new Fellows of STANYS.

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Peter Barnett was inducted into the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame for his long-time work to obtain housing for the homeless. In 1988, Prof. Barnett co-founded the Nassau-Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless to coordinate organizations that serve the poor and homeless. He also is executive director of the Wyandanch



Peter Barnett

Homes and Property Development Corp., a non-profit agency that has built 27 affordable homes.

SCIENCES

Dr. Frank Antonawich (Biology chair) attended the American Academy for Anti-Aging Medicine Conference, where he presented a pre-conference symposia, "Lipoic Acid Palladium Complex: The Use of Energy in the Regulation of Cancer Cell Death," and participated on a panel of experts to discuss new strategies for non-toxic chemotherapeutic agents. His work focused on the research of his SJC students using Poly MVA to selectively destroy malignant cells by taking advantage of this metabolic dysfunction. He also addressed the main conference with a paper, "A Combination of Antioxidant Activity and an Alternative Energy Source in an Effective Anti-Ischemia/Stroke Strategy."

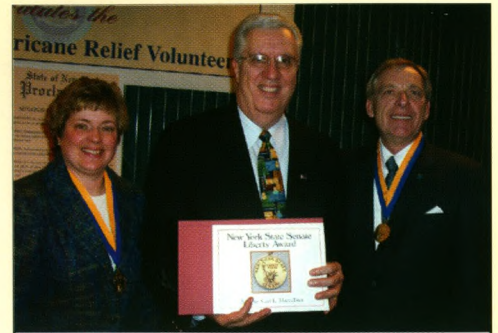
Dr. Michael Hanophy (Biology) was named a Fellow of the New York State Science Teachers Association in recognition of his distinguished service to science education in New York State. Dr. Hanophy is the second SJC faculty member to be named a STANYS Fellow—S. Jane Fritz from the Mathematics/Computer Science Dept. received this honor in 1995.

SJC welcomes **Dr. Tatiana Delaney** to the Biology Dept. on the Brooklyn Campus.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. Kenneth Bauzon (Political Science) received a second invitation to teach an intensive course in international relations as a visiting associate professor during the winter session at Tsukuba University in Japan. His students hailed from Central, South and Southeast Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. The theme of his seminar was "Human Rights and Environmental Politics." Now on sabbatical, Dr. Bauzon went on to conduct research in Washington, DC, and the Philippines.

John Hazzard (Sociology) and Dr. William Bengston (Coordinator-Human Relations) presented, "Consciousness of Place among Conservative Protestants in the United States," at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.



Diane Pfadenhauer and other volunteers were honored for their efforts to help rebuild businesses in the Gulf region. Here, she is presented with a certificate from New York State Senator Carl Marcellino.

Helping businesses ravaged by Katrina

Professor Diane Pfadenhauer, who teaches business in the School of Adult and Professional Education, was part of a team of professionals from across the nation who helped rebuild businesses in the Katrina-ravaged New Orleans area of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast.

Prof. Pfadenhauer is a board member of the Turnaround Management Association's L.I. Chapter. The organization sponsored a major initiative called TMAssist to help businesses adversely affected by the hurricane. Prof. Pfadenhauer was part of a five-member team of volunteers who conducted two days of workshops in New Orleans and Baton Rouge in December 2005. Her main focus was employee issues. The workshops included educational materials and an online resource center for businesses.

"All of the presenters and volunteers paid their own way and donated their time," Prof. Pfadenhauer said. "For me it was an opportunity to do something worthwhile to help. The devastation was unbelievable."

President of Employment Practices Advisors, Inc., based in New York, Prof. Pfadenhauer is a noted author and expert in the areas of employment and benefits law, human resources and business management. She is a member of the Labor & Employment Section's EEO Committee of the NYS Bar Association. ■

—Claudia Mirzaali



Dr. Kenneth Bauzon (center) with students in his graduate seminar at Tsukuba University in Japan.

SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Fr. John Gilvey's book, *Before the Parade Passes By: Gower Champion and the Glorious American Musical*, received a glowing review in the Arts & Living section of *The Washington Post*. The book was also discussed on a televised segment of "Good Morning America" featuring Gower Champion's widow, Marge.

Dr. Dorothy Kelly authored a new book,

Developing a Sense of Self: Tenets and Tactics for Adolescent Girls. She also wrote a chapter on auditory processing disorders in a newly published textbook, *Introduction to Central Auditory Processing Disorders*, as well as a chapter in another textbook. She contributed an article on current trends in the clinical field which appeared in *Advance for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists*, and she was interviewed as an editorial consultant in that same issue.

S. Susan Wilcox, Brooklyn campus minister and lecturer in speech communication, worked with students over the summer to provide a support system and contacts as part of the U.N.'s Millennium Goals project. SJC students teamed with students from St. Joseph's High School and set up a format to include a community service project and an educational component for each goal using the cyber-school bus on the U.N. Web site. One goal is to reduce poverty and hunger, and the community service project was to provide the physical labor to stock a food pantry.

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Frank LaTerra Bellino has joined SJC as director of counseling & career services on the Brooklyn Campus. He comes to St. Joseph's from Kingsborough Community College, where he was a counselor/advisor.

Linda Fonte (SAPE) was promoted to associate dean of the School of Adult and Professional Education. ■

S. Francis S. Carmody, Ph.D., co-director of the Infant/Toddler Early Childhood Special Education graduate program and professor of child study, was honored by the Interdisciplinary School with its Rhoda Rogoff Education Award. Standing, from left: **S. Joan Ryan** (Callahan Library); **S. Francis**, VP for Academic Affairs; **S. Loretta McGrann**; **S. Miriam Honora Corr** (Child Study Dept. chair and co-director, Infant/Toddler Early Childhood Special Education Program); and former faculty member **S. Bonnie Kelly**. Kneeling: **S. James Francis McDonnell**, O.S.U., and **S. Mary Ann Cashin**, assistant professor of child study.





STUDENT PROFILE

When Katrina victims needed help, he 'didn't think twice'

by Molly Altizer

Whether it's flipping a batch of chocolate chip pancakes or playing a game of "Duck, Duck, Goose," it's all in a day's work for Anthony Rizzo. When it comes to his greatest job-related thrill, the 42-year-old St. Joseph's College community recreation major and human relations minor admits he loves playing "a crazy game called 'Monster,' where I'm a friendly monster."

As an employee of Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Anthony has had ample time to have fun on the job as a day care worker. But his job took on new significance in October 2005, when he postponed his scheduled December 2005 graduation from SJC's Suffolk Campus to move to New Orleans and work with the children of employees of West Jefferson Memorial Hospital following Hurricane Katrina.

"I figured, what's the big deal if I graduate in December or May?" said Anthony, who acknowledged he knew he would "love to get the chance to help out and get a different experience in life."

So, just eight weeks prior to graduation, Anthony withdrew from two of five courses and took incompletes in the others. He faxed his remaining course work from Louisiana to finish the semester. "The College was really great," he said. "Everyone was behind me."

As a member of the Bright Horizons Emergency Response Team, Anthony was prepared to assist in areas where child care centers affiliated with Bright Horizons had faced disaster. He joined the team just prior to Hurricane Katrina. "I figured if there's somebody in need, I have always been blessed, so I would be glad to help," he said.

Upon his arrival in New Orleans, Anthony saw firsthand the devastation and aftermath of Katrina, the category 4 storm that hit the Gulf Coast August 28, 2005. "You don't realize how good you really have it until you see something like I saw in New Orleans,"

he said. "Some areas still look like a war zone. You couldn't even drive by with your car windows open because of the stench."

He recalled the water lines on ravaged walls, in some cases reaching 10 and 12 feet high. Mangled, uprooted trees estimated to be more than 200 years old were protruding from decimated homes, whose roofs were collapsed by the weight of the huge tree trunks. "You know the pictures we see in the paper?" Anthony asked. "It's actually 50 times worse in person."

Nine years ago, when Anthony began volunteering at a Boys and Girls Club in Oyster Bay, he realized that "the more I was around kids, the more I knew I wanted to work with [them]." He had spent 15 years as a school district custodian before beginning college in 1999.

Currently, Anthony works part time with the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department, and he will be commuting to Brooklyn to continue work with Bright Horizons this semester while completing his degree requirements for graduation in May. Although he doesn't have children of his own, he is hopeful that he will have a family someday, perhaps sooner rather than later.

"Before I left [New Orleans], one of my co-workers told me, 'Somebody has a crush on you here,'" he said. While the woman with the crush—a teacher at the New Orleans day care center—was initially too shy to reveal to Anthony her feelings, the two have been talking everyday on the phone.

Dressed in the black leather jacket given to him by his New Orleans co-workers and wearing a red plastic Katrina Relief bracelet he purchased on campus from student club members raising money for hurricane victims, Anthony summed up his experience in his characteristically modest fashion: "I just went there because it was something I knew I should do. People were out there who needed help. I didn't think twice. If I had a chance to do it again, I would." ■



ALUMNA PROFILE

An artistic journey through life's seasons

by Anne Buckley

The paintings, etchings, sculptures and other works of Aurora Dias-Jorgensen '39 reveal the artist's impulsive, intense, romantic nature, and reflect her sinuous journey through life.

Born in Brazil in 1918, Aurora came to America in 1923. The beauty of the land she left, with its sprawling hills and valleys, would resurface later in her life through her art. Even as a child, she expressed her emotional life artistically. However, it was not until 1945 that she devoted her life to her work.

Her winding path as an artist suggests a person who strives for a balance between emotion and intellect, life and art, color and shape, faith and despair. She attempts to blend opposites, such as tropical and sub-tropical colors of Brazilian landscapes, into forms that match the complexity of cityscapes.

At St. Joseph's College, Aurora matured as a person and explored her artistic talents. After graduating, she worked at the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). Her desire to study art became so intense that she left NBC in 1945 to enter the Art Student League.

While there, she met her future husband, Roger Jorgensen, a fellow student. In 1950, she returned to broadcasting, this time at the Voice of America. Aurora's life took another turn in 1954, when the Voice of America moved its headquarters from New York City to Washington, DC. But within a few years, Aurora and Roger, with their young daughter, Ellen, returned to Manhattan. Like many strong women in the '50s, Aurora turned to teaching. In

1957, after graduating from Bank Street College of Education, she became a first-grade public school teacher and later an art teacher.

After retiring from teaching, Aurora's art became her primary passion. Unlike another abstract expressionist, Jackson Pollack, Aurora applies paint in fluid, yet controlled motions that reveal her personal psyche.

"I try to express my life through my work in ways that have changed over the years," she said. "I used to etch, then I painted, now I build things out of wood, steel, metal, anything that catches my eye." Lately, Aurora's path has come full circle. She is drawing, etching, painting and sculpting, sometimes simultaneously. Her current work is less abstract and more representational, and definitely expressionistic, while its subject matter and colors recall earlier work, such as her Brazilian landscapes.

Aurora now talks about her art in public forums and exhibits her work internationally. She was recently invited to a group show in Bonn, Germany, where an art critic described her piece, "Elegy," as "a wall piece of a stylized grand piano and a three-dimensional flame to honor the composer."

According to Aurora, "Elegy" merges the wall piece and the sculpture "into an illusion of two dimensions. Light, which is crucial to a visual image, would almost be extinguished except for a soft glow on the small sculpture, lit as if it were a votive candle. 'Elegy' is my homage to Beethoven, who, deprived of sound, composed incredibly beautiful music."

The contrast between city and country, found in her earlier works, is absent today. What remains are vibrant colors, the smoothness and power of steel and the fluidity of moving rivers. All these elements combine to express her many transformations: from Brazilian to New Yorker; from girl to woman; from broadcaster to teacher; from teacher to artist; from painter to sculptor; from optimist to realist.

At 87, Aurora has vibrancy, grace, directness, resiliency and perseverance—characteristics that also describe her work. That one of her most recent pieces should be a heavy wooden beam requiring the strength of two men to lift it, is most telling. She chose a "common object" and material that "reflects the soul and nature."

The beam, like Aurora herself, has been transformed many times. Today, she seems content with her "beam." She has named the piece "Seasons." ■



FACULTY PROFILE

SJC professor is health care consumer advocate

by Susan Kane

A growing sense of frustration propelled John Sardelis to take up his mission to help disabled and elderly patients navigate the maze of the U.S. health care system. He had experienced the powerlessness of hospitalized loved ones who felt confused and out of the loop when seeking information and making decisions concerning their care. "It motivated me to try to figure out if we could do a better job in health care for the consumers," said Dr. Sardelis, an assistant professor and associate chair of the Health Administration Department at St. Joseph's.

He began by completing his doctorate in public health at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in 2003. While writing his dissertation—"Informed Choice: The Barriers to Consumer Health Information"—he encountered the complex legal, insurance and medical information untrained consumers must deal with. "How do people who don't have a background in this decipher what the message is?" he said during an interview.

Armed with his doctorate and the experience of a long career in the health care and insurance industries—including senior management and consulting positions at Group Health Incorporated, AGS-NYNEX, Manhattan Life Insurance Co. and his own Jason Consulting firm—Dr. Sardelis began teaching health care courses at SJC while maintaining a busy speaking schedule as a volunteer with the New York City-based Medicare Rights Center. Recently, his talks have focused on Medicare Part D, a new voluntary program designed to provide partial coverage for most prescription drugs. In March, he presented a free seminar at the Suffolk Campus to try to explain the new benefit in layman's language to those within and outside the SJC community.

"My passion is about getting out into the field and helping people understand this stuff," he explained. "And while I can't sole-

ly teach them everything they need to know, I can put them in touch with people who can."

Shortly after joining the SJC faculty, Dr. Sardelis founded the St. Joseph's College Advisory Council to foster a dialogue between the diverse interests that impact health care in Suffolk County. Members include Thomas McAteer, Jr., former president and CEO, Vytra Health Plans; Brian Harper, M.D., commissioner, Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services; Andrew Goodman, executive VP, Computer Associates; Andrew Mitchell, CEO and president, Peconic Bay Medical Center; Kevin Dahill, CEO and president, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council; and Ted Will, CEO and president, IPRO.

"I've targeted senior people because I wanted to give it the highest possible visibility," Dr. Sardelis said, noting that one of the Council's purposes is to help shape curriculum at St. Joseph's. "I want to go to the people who employ our students and say, 'What matters to you? What's going to make you want to hire this person?'" he explained.

Dr. Sardelis has invited Council members and other health care officials to speak to his classes. "It helps our students know we have a channel to important people in the industry," he said. "This may be the first time they have had personal contact with a CEO at that level."

Dr. Sardelis also holds a master's in statistics and operations research from NYU Stern School of Business and a bachelor's in mathematics from Hunter College. He is an associate of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the Academy of Actuaries and the Nassau County Minority Health Task Force.

He is optimistic that a greater level of consumer advocacy will improve health care, especially with Internet access and the aging of the better educated baby boomers. "Perhaps I'm a pioneer in some regard here, and some pioneers can get shot with arrows," he quipped. "But we'll see what happens." ■



Leaders of the SJC Lions Club are (clockwise from left): Katie Signorelli, vice president; Jessica Ragazzi, president; Nick Fuchs, public relations/Web site; Russ Blumenthal, treasurer; and Rachel Searles, secretary.

New Suffolk Lions Club is first in region

The new Suffolk Campus Lions Club formed last fall is the first Lions college club established on Long Island or Brooklyn. Sponsored by the Patchogue Lions Club, its membership grew to 20 students by the spring semester. Club officers are Jessica Ragazzi, president; Kathleen Signorelli, vice president; Russell Blumenthal, treasurer, and Rachel Searles, secretary.

Since their founding in 1917, Lions clubs have served the needs of communities and individuals around the world. Jessica, Kathleen and Russell are former members of LEO, a Lions program for high school students that stands for Leadership, Excellence and Opportunity.

The SJC club's inaugural event was its participation at St. Joseph's Make-a-Difference Day. They also collected used eyeglasses for donation to third world countries and cell phones for battered women. Jessica said the club now is concentrating on raising money to help the visually impaired, most likely to provide the \$5,000 needed to raise and train a guide dog. Two events were planned, a volleyball tournament and a comedy night featuring comedian Bill Burr.

"I believe the campus Lions Club will be a success in more ways than one," Jessica commented, "by creating a new generation of people that impact the community in a tremendous way [and by] establishing a connection in our College community by organizing fund raising events and getting everyone together for special causes." ■

Borough president hosts student forum

Christina Traverson and Natalie Fascianella, president and treasurer of the Undergraduate Association, represented SJC at a meeting called by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz to hear the concerns of local college and university students.

Participants raised issues such as the need for low-cost housing, state and federal student aid and a possible discounted fare for commuter students. Christina suggested that alternative side of the street parking in the area of SJC be reduced to three days a week while classes are in session to ease the parking crunch. ■

Busy year for SHRM

The Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) chapters at SJC have had a busy year, sponsoring several charitable projects as well as educational and networking opportunities.

The Suffolk chapter raised funds for the Fortunato Breast Health Center at Mather Hospital and Christa House, a hospice for the poor, and hosted seminars on topics such as "Building A Personal Network." Networking is a major benefit to joining SHRM, said chapter President Melissa Frisina. "We're here not only for ourselves, but also to build lasting relationships," she said.

The Brooklyn chapter raised funds for its favorite charity, Hour Children, which helps the children of formerly and currently incarcerated mothers. The group also sponsors an annual management roundtable series with HR managers.

Both groups have seen a significant increase in active members this year. ■

Club seeks to spotlight women's issues

The new Feminist Majority Club made its debut this fall in Brooklyn by hosting a Sound Bites discussion on the topic, "Is Feminism Good for Men (and Women)?" The Club's goal is to raise awareness of women's issues on the local, national and global levels, said founder and past President Deana Folchetti. "Our mission is based on SJC's mission and ideals and those of the national Feminists Majority Foundation," explained Deana, a teacher and 2005 graduate.

The group's first community project was making holiday gift baskets for female victims of domestic violence living at Serenity House.

Male members are most welcome. "I hope most students will get past the stigma of the word 'feminist' and get to the issues," Deana said. ■



Museum Science Project

Brooklyn student Jennifer Fatal (center) helps young visitors to the NY Hall of Science during National Chemistry Week last October. Jennifer and Victoria Simon, both biology majors and members of the SJC Science Club, set up and manned a booth where children visiting the museum could make polystyrene shrinkers—a big hit, according to club moderator Dr. Jill Rehmman.

Junior wins prestigious internship in Albany

Paul Mager, a junior on the Suffolk Campus, is serving a legislative internship this semester at the state capitol in Albany. Paul was one of 200 students out of over 1,000 applicants to win this highly competitive internship.

A graduate of St. Dominic H.S., Paul initially chose St. Joseph's to pursue his goal of becoming a high school history teacher. He changed course after taking American Government and Politics with Bernard Fitzpatrick, deciding instead to major in political science and attend law school after graduation. Paul is also pursuing a minor in philosophy and last semester founded the Philosophical Society, whose members study ideas and questions affecting life and the pursuit of knowledge.

While in Albany, Paul is tracking legislation, meeting with constituents and attending legislative sessions. He is writing papers for Mr. Fitzpatrick's review and also for a SUNY Albany professor who is acting as program coordinator. Paul's primary legislative interests are social welfare and education.

Paul has been taking 18 credits each semester since starting at SJC and will graduate on schedule with his 2007 class. ■

BSN Club aids the needy, both near and far

The BSN Club in Suffolk teamed up with the Muriel Gordon Foundation, which works to improve health care and enhance the quality of life in poverty-stricken communities worldwide, by collecting clothing, non-perishable food, medications, nursing textbooks and other items for families in the Dominican Republic.

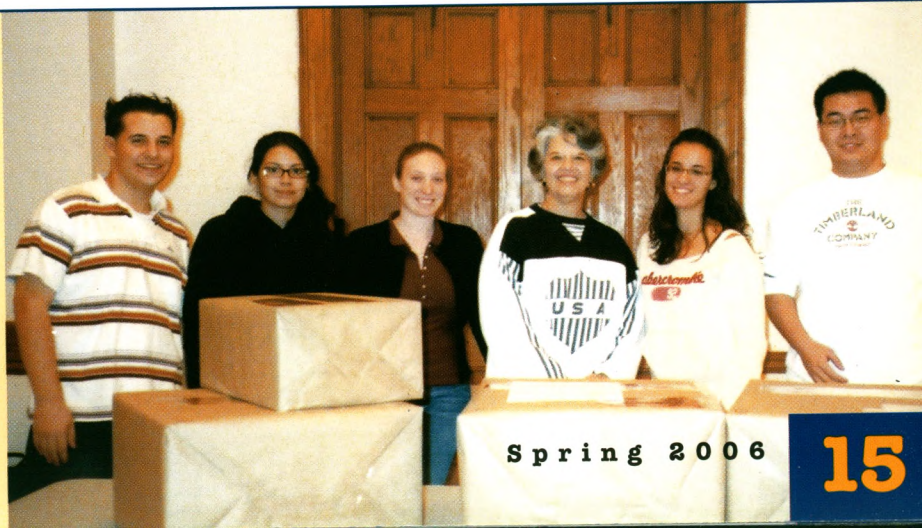
Club faculty advisor and Asst. Prof. of Nursing Barbara Carlstrom said the group selected the Foundation as this year's global outreach project at the suggestion of nursing student Kathleen Morga, who works with Muriel Gordon at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore. Ms. Gordon is a nurse practitioner who has coordinated health and humanitarian fairs and established health clinics in Jamaica, Ghana, Russia, Thailand, China, South Korea, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand and Nigeria.

"[Muriel] is just amazing," Kathleen said. "She's made this the mission of her life." By January, the Club among other things had collected over 40 textbooks and about 20 bags of clothing from the SJC community.

In addition, the Club gathered about 100 gifts for local families as part of the Campus Ministry Office's annual holiday program and organized a coat drive for the Lighthouse Mission in Patchogue. ■

Helping Troops in Iraq

When her cousin, a sergeant in the Marine Corps, left for Iraq last September, Brooklyn junior Stephanie Igneri looked for a way to help out. Her efforts culminated in the Thanksgiving shipment of five large boxes, packed with everything from soap and shampoo to microwaveable food, to 34-year-old Sgt. James DeBerry and members of his platoon. Stephanie was thankful for the tremendous response she received from fellow students and staff. Pictured, from left: Anthony Catalanotti, Joy Quiles, Jill Kenny, Stephanie's aunt Mrs. DeBerry, Stephanie and Qi Bin Li.



SJC golf tourney to fete alumnus Peter M. Meyer



The St. Joseph's 16th Annual Golf Tournament will honor Peter M. Meyer '87, senior VP for Commerce Bank's Brooklyn and Queens market. The event will take place May 30 at the Sands Point Country Club. Donald Lizak, SJC athletic director, is chairing the event.

Peter began his banking career as a teller with Chemical Bank while he was still attending college. At Chemical, he was promoted to branch manager and later served as a commercial lender. He has held various senior lending positions with NYC banks and was instrumental in the formation of loan programs and products for health care and nonprofit organizations, thus providing greater access to capital for organizations that deliver essential services to New Yorkers in need. He joined Commerce in 2002 to execute the bank's expansion into the Brooklyn/Queens market, which currently has 18 locations

throughout the boroughs with seven more on the way in 2006.

A native of Woodhaven, Queens, Peter graduated from St. Francis Prep and SJC's Brooklyn Campus, later earning an M.B.A. from LIU. He is active in his Brooklyn Heights community and has served on the boards of numerous organizations. Currently he is vice chairman of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and is a board member of the Queens Museum of Art, the Downtown Brooklyn Council and the Long Island City Business Development Corp.

Peter's son, Christopher, is a 2004 graduate of SJC. His younger son, Douglas, is currently a junior.

Proceeds from the SJC tournament will benefit the College's athletic programs. For further information, contact the Special Events Office at 631.447.3396 or specialevents@sjcnj.edu. ■

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Gala honors Robert Isaksen and SJC alumna Bettyanne McDonough

Friends and honored guests enjoyed a festive evening of dinner and dance at the College's 23rd Annual Dinner Dance, held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. The November 3 gala recognized longtime friends of the College, Robert A. Isaksen of Bank of America and SJC alumna Bettyanne McDonough '59. Robert Isaksen was presented with the College's Distinguished Citizen Award, and Bettyanne McDonough received the 2005 Outstanding Alumna Award for her long-time service to her alma mater. The black-tie gala was co-chaired by John DeFranza, senior VP and market manager of Long Island and Brooklyn/Queens Business Banking for Bank of America, and S. Elizabeth A. Hill, president of St. Joseph's College. Proceeds from the annual event benefit student scholarship programs. ■

- 1). Robert Isaksen accepts the 2005 Distinguished Citizen Award and addresses the audience;
- 2). S. Elizabeth presents Bettyanne McDonough with the 2005 Outstanding Alumna Award;
- 3). Committee member Elena Perez of Bank of America (left) congratulates Robert Isaksen and his wife, Suzanne;
- 4). Bettyanne McDonough is greeted by a surprise guest, her nephew Bill Simonitsch;
- 5). Honorees Bettyanne McDonough and Robert Isaksen join SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill (center).



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph's College is pleased to announce that it will honor Peter M. Rogers of AC Edwards, Inc., and the Honorable Joan Carey '61 at the 24th Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, November 2, 2006, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Further details will be available shortly. For information, contact the Special Events Office at 631.447.3396 or specialevents@sjcny.edu.



Con Edison grant establishes new scholarship

by Michael Banach

Funded with a \$15,000 grant from Consolidated Edison, St. Joseph's has established a new scholarship opportunity for students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. The Consolidated Edison Math and Science Scholarship at the Brooklyn Campus was created to attract high school students to St. Joseph's math and science programs and encourage students who are already enrolled to consider these disciplines as their major field of study.

Consolidated Edison has a long-standing tradition of funding programs that enhance the educational achievements of New York students. In particular, the company supports initiatives that enrich math, science, reading, engineering, energy and technology curricula. Con Edison also has a legacy of promoting the educational, environmental, cultural and economic vitality of the New York area through the support of diverse organizations such as St. Joseph's College, whose activities advance strong, vibrant and stable communities.

St. Joseph's would like to express its sincere appreciation to Frances Resheske, senior vice president of public relations and an SJC trustee, and Marie Cutrone Smith, director of strategic partnerships and public affairs, for their pivotal roles in securing this grant. As vice president of public affairs, Ms. Resheske is responsible for corporate and employee communications, as well as governmental, community and media relations in Con Edison's operating areas. As always, St. Joseph's is very thankful for Con Edison's continued generosity and support. ■

Rosemary Chapman's dream lives on in scholarship

by Clare Kehoe

It is with great sadness that the College reports the passing of Rosemary Chapman, a beloved former member of the Brooklyn Campus staff. While raising her four children, Rosemary was St. Joseph's full-time receptionist for 38 years. Always helpful and kind, Rosemary was also a diligent and reliable employee. Melodie Horan, Rosemary's longtime friend, recalls how Rosemary always remembered special days with homemade brownies, a card or a birthday cake.



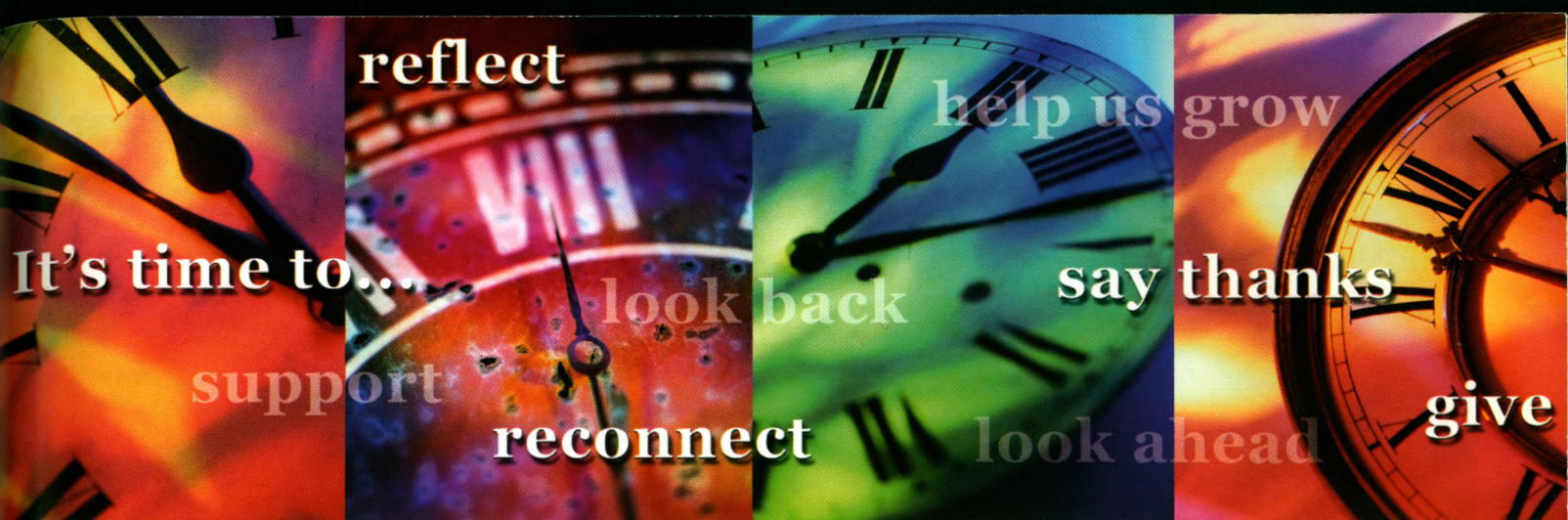
After an illness in 2003, Rosemary left St. Joseph's and moved to Michigan to live with her daughter, Rosemary Belke. Rosemary's family said that she often talked about establishing a scholarship for a deserving St. Joseph's student. Extremely pleased that she could realize this dream both for herself and someone else, Rosemary made a generous donation to the College's scholarship program prior to her passing on February 20, 2006. When making this thoughtful gift for Brooklyn Campus students, Rosemary said, "My wish is that I can, in a small way, repay the many kind acts extended to me during and after my association with the College."

The family arranged a memorial Mass and internment in Rockland Lake, NY, where Rosemary's family lived. ■



In Recognition

St. Joseph's erected a plaque at the Brooklyn Campus recognizing the Independence Community Foundation for its support of College projects since 1998. These include improvements to the McEntegart Hall Library, the biology labs, the cafeteria and the student recreation room. From left: Foundation Program Director Toya Williford, Executive Director Marilyn G. Gelber, SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill and College VP for Institutional Advancement Nancy Connors. The unveiling of the plaque, located in the cafeteria, took place in December.



Annual Fund Update

SJC alumni are leading the way! The 2005–06 Annual Fund to date has raised over \$300,000 from alumni alone. Combined with nearly \$150,000 donated by trustees, faculty, staff, parents and friends of the College, we hope to reach our goal of \$500,000 by June 30, 2006.

A special thanks goes to the College trustees, who are well on their way to increasing their total giving for a third consecutive year. Another group that deserves an honorable mention are the 2006 reunion classes that donated over \$40,000 in class gifts. The 2005–06 giving season also saw the debut of the online giving program. We thank everyone who took advantage of this quick and easy way to give.

Although making an annual gift is one of the best vehicles to show your support, it is certainly not the only way. As St. Joseph's

celebrates its 90th anniversary, the Annual Fund has compiled "90 Ways to Support SJC." Among these are:

- Attend an alumni-sponsored event
- Register for the alumni online community
- Join an alumni event committee
- Host an alumni reception
- Attend commencement
- Volunteer to be a class agent
- Participate in campus fundraisers
- Display your diploma in your office/home
- Encourage your company to offer matching gifts

For the complete list, log on to www.sjcny.edu/annualfund. For more information about annual giving, please contact J.P. Lucero at 718.398.4128 or jplucero@sjcny.edu. ■

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Preparing your will is one of the most important responsibilities you will ever have. Without a will, state laws govern what becomes of your property, and who will care for your loved ones. For additional information, please visit www.sjcny.edu/plannedgiving or contact Clare Kehoe at 718.399.8425.



Scholarship honors the lives of Gregg and JoAnne Alfano

by Clare Kehoe

SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill (center) accepts checks representing the proceeds from a fundraiser for The Gregg and JoAnne Alfano Scholarship from Sal and Carol Alfano.



St. Joseph's College thanks the Alfano family for their tireless efforts to establish The Gregg and JoAnne Alfano Scholarship. Gregg was captain of Commack High School's football, basketball and baseball teams, continuing his athletic excellence at St. Joseph's, where he wore number "24" as the captain of the baseball team. During his years at SJC, Gregg held several records, including home runs and runs batted in, and ranked in the all-time top five in batting average, runs scored, doubles, hits and RBIs. When he graduated from St. Joseph's, Gregg married and worked as a quality assurance consultant for Chase Bank in Hicksville.

After Gregg's untimely death in 2000, the Alfano family raised funds to help refurbish the Suffolk Campus athletic field. On September 24, 2000, SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill retired Gregg's number and officially named the field the Gregg Alfano Field. The following year, Gregg's twin, Christopher Alfano '93, and a close friend, Peter Manger '92, conceived of a plan to establish a scholarship in Gregg's name. Beginning in 2001, they started a fundraiser Family Day and Softball Game at the Suffolk Campus to benefit the scholarship fund. When Christopher's beloved wife, JoAnne Alfano, succumbed to breast cancer in December of that year, her name and

memory were added to the scholarship.

After several years of fundraising success with the Family Days, the Alfanos hosted a Casino Night at Pomodorino's Restaurant in Hauppauge last October. The event brought together 150 of JoAnne's and Gregg's relatives and friends to celebrate their lives. The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet and music by Kevin Ronan while they tried their luck at the gaming tables. Tommy Hilfiger, Sirius Radio, Commack Abbey and Surf Side 3 Marina donated many prizes, and one lucky guest won a weekend stay at the Montauk Yacht Club. The proceeds from the Casino Night brought The Gregg and JoAnne Alfano Scholarship to over \$27,500.

It is the Alfano family's hope that something positive and lasting will emerge from the tragic loss of their beloved children. The Gregg and JoAnne Alfano Scholarship is the perfect vehicle to accomplish their goal, and the scholarship will be awarded to a Suffolk Campus student for the 2006-07 academic year. As Sal Alfano, Gregg's father and an SJC baseball coach, said, "The Gregg and JoAnne Alfano Scholarship will help leave the footprints that Gregg and JoAnne were unable to leave themselves."

St. Joseph's is also grateful to Gregg's and JoAnne's friends and relatives who contributed generously to the scholarship. ■

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Scholarship bearing her name honors Laura Heiden's love of teaching

by Clare Kehoe

Laura Heiden, shown in a 1972 photo.

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St. Joseph's College is grateful to the Heiden family for establishing The Laura Heiden Memorial Scholarship for the benefit of Suffolk Campus students. After a long illness and just before she passed away in 2004, Laura's husband Bill suggested that the family create a scholarship in her name. At first, Laura's modest nature prompted her to decline, but she later said that it would be comforting to help another woman achieve her goals. With that thought in mind, Bill and his children, Kimberly Costanza '94, Kevin Heiden '99 and Susan Corcoran '00, have created the scholarship as a living memorial that will forever embody Laura's love for teaching and her fervor for helping others.

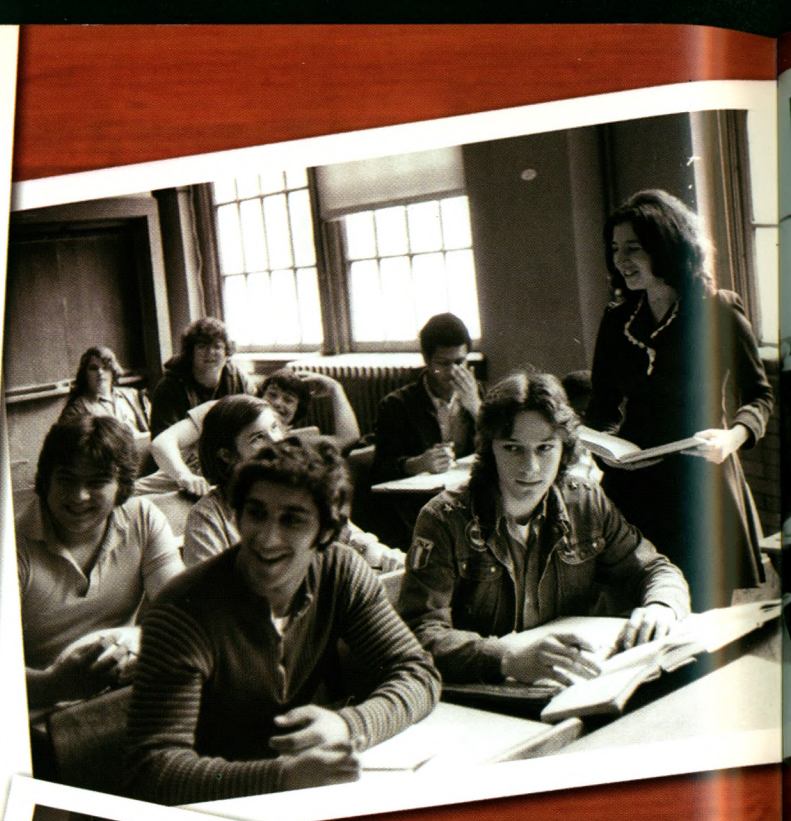
As a stay-at-home mom, Laura was involved in her children's educations by serving as class mother and volunteer for many years. At the same time, she was active in her parish as a CCD coordinator and was instrumental in starting a family Mass designed especially for children. While her own children were still in elementary school, Laura acted on a dormant vocation to teach and enrolled at St. Joseph's College in 1989 as a part-time student. In 1995, Laura received her degree and was extremely happy teaching at Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Elementary School. Unfortunately, due to medicine-induced liver failure in February 1996, Laura had to undergo a liver transplant. Despite this catastrophic event, Laura returned to teaching until failing health forced her to resign in 2000.

As a testament to Laura's devotion to family and joy in teaching, the Heidens have requested that The Laura Heiden Memorial Scholarship always benefit a non-traditional Suffolk Campus child study major. In this spirit, St. Joseph's awarded the first Laura Heiden Memorial Scholarship to a 41-year-old working mother from Farmingville who is studying part time to become an elementary school teacher of students with disabilities.

The Heiden family was pleased by this choice because the recipient is the kind of hard-working student that Laura would have chosen herself. As her daughter, Susan Corcoran, said, "I think that this scholarship is so fitting because if it could, in any way, help another mother achieve her goal and make her life a little easier, it would be what my Mom would want."

The College thanks all those who contributed to this scholarship in honor of Laura Heiden. ■





St. Joseph's College at 90:

Still growing, still meeting challenges

by Sarah Hartmann

Like the sisters whose vision it was to create a college for the education of women, St. Joseph's College resists the easy label. Refusing to be cast purely as teachers' college or liberal arts institution—or to be stymied by financial challenges and the inevitable changes that would impact its student population, its faculty and the very sisters who forged the vision—the College at 90 continues to flourish.

UNCONVENTIONAL BEGINNINGS, UNPARALLELED GROWTH

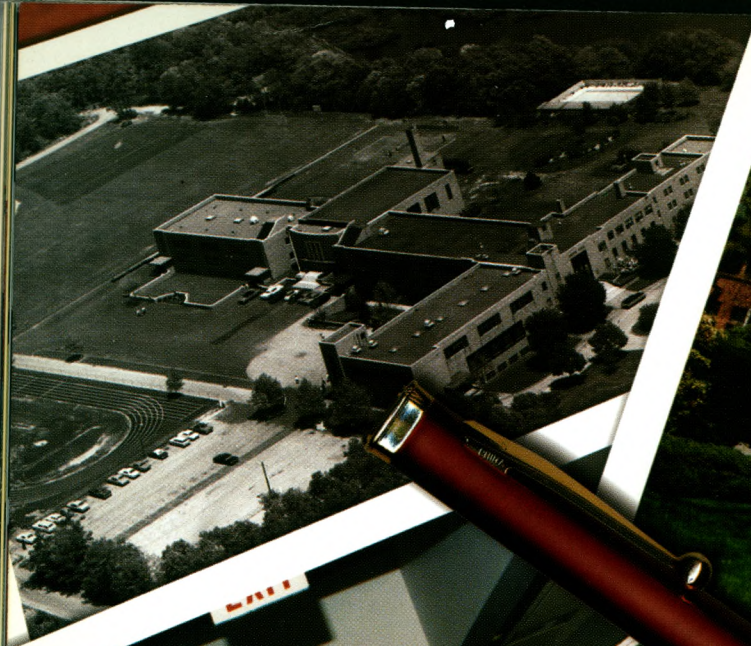
From the outset, the College flew in the face of convention and defied the odds. The 12 young women, the first students to walk through the doors of what was then St. Joseph's College for Women back in 1916, today are referred to as pioneers. Higher education for women was a progressive, dangerous idea, the kind of idea that would not apply to females who were best suited for childbearing, not for thinking men's thoughts. The pioneers or "Twelve Apostles," as they have been named, were striking out on a bold new venture.

And perhaps because historic forces were with them and certainly because the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood were a force of their own, the 12 grew to the first graduating class of 14 in 1920, with a total College enrollment of 71. From there, the College's story is filled

with successes: buying properties and erecting new buildings to accommodate an expanding student body; obtaining its permanent charter from the New York State Education Dept. in 1929; establishing in the 1930s the preschool child development courses for which SJC has become noted and the major in child study in 1940; going co-educational in 1969; opening an extension program on Long Island in 1971; establishing a Division of General Studies program for adults in 1974; and relocating the Suffolk Campus from Brentwood to Patchogue in 1979.

In that time, the College consistently increased its enrollment. By 1941, at 25 years old, it counted 392 full-time students and 1,200 alumnae; by 1961, enrollment was 632; and today, 45 years later, approximately 5,000 students attend both the Brooklyn and Suffolk Campuses. Overall, the College has seen five presidents; maintained its Brooklyn Campus while managing unparalleled growth in Patchogue; registered its nursing program; and instituted five master's programs.

And still the changes and challenges keep coming. "You are mistaken if you think things will stay the same," said S. Elizabeth Hill, the College's current president. "You must keep moving." S. Elizabeth, who was elected president in 1997 when S. George Aquin O'Connor stepped down, has in one colleague's words "inherited a huge growing concern."



Having assisted S. George for 17 years of her 28-year-long presidency, S. Elizabeth explained how the former president realized the need for space posed by the growing college. Thus, in 1978, under S. George's leadership and at the urging of Suffolk's first dean, S. Virginia Thérèse Callahan, SJC purchased the Patchogue property on which stood the old Seton Hall High School from the Sisters of Charity at Halifax. BOCES was using the building at the time, but no one wanted the property until S. George. "She was a visionary," S. Elizabeth recalled. "It was a bold thing to do, a financially risky venture. And yet, here we are. We opened classes in that building in 1979, and we continue to grow."

The College, which embraced change during the tenure of S. George, has progressed most notably in curriculum and physical plant. The latter has been especially noteworthy on the Suffolk Campus, which since it opened 27 years ago added the Callahan Library, completed in 1989; the John A. Danzi Athletic Center in 1997; and the Business Technology Center in 2002.

But perhaps the most significant change has been in the area of technology. Now, Smart Classrooms with videoconferencing capabilities enable students on the Brooklyn Campus, for instance, to tune into a class being taught by faculty 60 miles away at the Suffolk Campus. "And we still need more space for more classrooms and parking," noted S. Elizabeth. "So we continue to have projects to work on and move toward."

LIKE BEING HOME

"I remember a time at the Brooklyn Campus when all the students dressed up for school and they were not permitted to smoke near the campus," said College Archivist S. Joan Ryan, recalling simpler days before the cultural changes wrought by the 1960s. Students then, she notes, seemed to have more time to be students. "Today they must run to a job and so have less time to hang around the campus," said S. Joan.

Dr. Louise Rose, an English professor who joined the SJC faculty in 1967, calls the changes ushered in by the 1960s sweeping. Before then, girls wore dresses; there were no male students; a set number of courses was required; and most of the faculty were nuns. "It seemed so old-fashioned to me, like I was stepping back into time," said Dr. Rose. "But almost overnight, the world changed. Nuns went to a modified habit, and students got out of their formal wear and were given more course choices. It was as if our College had entered the modern world and the sisters led the charge."

Leading the charge and embracing change is a description that has fit the sisters from their earliest days. Dr. Rose, a self-described Jewish, left wing radical from Brooklyn, said that the sisters were both the good girls and the rebels. "They wanted to have independent career-oriented lives when that was not an acceptable role for women," she explained. "They were so much

like me, but they taught me to appreciate a different point of view. When I was hired, S. John Baptiste handed me the index of the then-forbidden books. *Lady Chatterley's Lover* was on it. She said to me, 'But we're exempt.' I taught that book and many more."

Dr. Patricia Gabel, chair of the English Department, recalls when her department on the Suffolk Campus had only 35 English majors. "Now, we have over 300, and the numbers are on the rise at the Brooklyn Campus, too," she said, attributing the growth to the College's maturation. Dr. Gabel, who came to SJC in 1965, said the College is responsible for the person she is today. "There has never been one time that anyone has ever said to me you can't do this," she said. "My terms of employment have given way to terms of endearment."

It is this sense of acceptance and growth that Dr. Stan Nevins, on the faculty for 45 years and chair of the Philosophy Department, believes has endured through all the changes. "There is this recognition of personal value, this desire of wanting to involve you in the community," he said. "Here I have always felt people are interested in you and that they care about you more than just academically. It's like being home."

PASSING ON A LEGACY

The future is bright, but there will be differences. For S. Joan, progress lies in the College's expansion of majors like mathematics and computer science. Programs in adult and professional education are also drawing more students. "And our teacher preparation program has matured," she added. "We have always had some secondary education, but that aspect has grown a lot."

Dr. Rose believes SJC will grow even stronger because the sisters know their mission. Dr. Nevins agrees, but adds that the College requires an expanded vision. "We've stayed alive. And now part of our vision must be to continue to give our students a liberal arts education and help them to resist educating themselves only to make the major buck," he said.

Dr. Gabel sees a stronger future in a more diversified student population, particularly on the Suffolk Campus, where the hope is to attract more minority students.

S. Elizabeth also sees diversity as an important goal. In addition, she envisions an enhanced spirit of civic engagement within the SJC community. To that end, College leaders and faculty will work to transform the institution into a dynamic place that cares deeply about what is going on in the world both politically and socially, she noted.

"The big challenge, however, is that the leadership of the College will soon move into the lay area," S. Elizabeth said. "The sisters are growing older and young ones are not joining. Our goal now is to identify what we want to preserve and pass it on." ■

Teaching Evolution in

Eighty-one years after Scopes, Darwin's critics press their case for an

by Christine Mullaney

Dayton, Tennessee: It was here in the summer of 1925 that one of the greatest trials of the 20th century played out. Defended by renowned attorney Clarence Darrow, 24-year-old science teacher John Scopes was charged with illegally teaching the theory of evolution. Earlier that year, the state of Tennessee had passed a bill declaring it unlawful "to teach any theory that denies the story of divine creation as taught by the Bible and to teach instead that man was descended from a lower order of animals." Prosecuting the case was populist and three-time Democratic candidate for president William Jennings Bryan, dubbed a "fundamentalist pope" by journalist H. L. Mencken for his crusade to prohibit the teaching of evolution in American classrooms.

Anxious to quickly appeal an expected guilty verdict, Mr. Darrow eschewed closing remarks, the jury found Mr. Scopes guilty in nine minutes and the judge fined him \$100. In 1927, the Tennessee Supreme Court reversed on a technicality and the case died there. Forty-one years would pass before the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Epperson v. Arkansas*, struck down the anti-evolution laws as a violation of the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. Nineteen years later, in *Edwards v. Aguillard*, the high court would affirm as unconstitutional a Louisiana law requiring the teaching of creationism if evolution is taught, again citing the Establishment Clause.

Fast forward another 18 years, to 2005. Voters in Dover Township, PA, threw out of office school board members who the previous year had introduced intelligent design (ID) into the science curriculum by requiring administrators to read a statement to biology classes describing evolution as a the-

ory and intelligent design as an alternate explanation. Concurrently, 11 Dover parents, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union (also a participant in the Scopes trial), sued in Federal court to eliminate the reading. In late December, Federal District Judge John E. Jones ruled that teaching ID in a public school science class is unconstitutional, and he slammed ID proponents as disguised creationists whose attacks on evolution "have been refuted by the scientific community."

An appeal is unlikely, since statement backers were ousted in the November school board elections. However, Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AU), a plaintiff in the Pennsylvania case, is closely monitoring events in a handful of states, including Ohio, Kansas, Utah and Georgia. Richard Katskee, AU's assistant legal director, told *St. Joseph's College Magazine* that ID proponents have a new strategy: "to talk about ID without labeling it as such."

John West of the Seattle-based Discovery Institute, a leading intelligent design think tank, said after Judge Jones' decision: "Anyone who thinks a court ruling is going to kill off interest in intelligent design is living in another world." In Kansas, the state Board of Education, which for years has flip-flopped on evolution through election cycles, has adopted new science curriculum standards for the 2007-08 school year that permit the introduction of alternative theories to evolution. The standards do not include intelligent design and do not mandate how science is taught or what textbooks are used—these decisions rest with Kansas' 304 school districts—but candidates representing both sides are raising money and lining up for battle in the August Republican pri-

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“intelligent designer.”



mary and the November general election, thus thrusting the state into the epicenter of a debate that evolutionists say began after the 1987 *Aguillard* decision.

The non-profit Thomas B. Fordham Institute, which in December issued a comprehensive review of state science standards, gave Kansas an “F” after initially conferring a “C.” Kansas, the report cautioned, “has adopted standards whose treatment of evolutionary material has been radically compromised.” More ominous yet, warned the Institute, “The effect transcends evolution. . . it now makes a mockery of the very definition of science,” a reference to the board’s deletion of a statement defining science as “a search for natural explanations of observable phenomena.”

Alabama, like Kansas, flunked outright for a disclaimer on evolution and “serious faults” in its life science standards, one of 15 states to fail the review. Kentucky was hit with a “D” for omitting the word “evolution” from its standards, although the biology curriculum does summarize evolution’s main points. In the past 18 months, legislation relating to teaching a “full range of scientific views,” a “balanced treatment” of both evolution and intelligent design or variations thereof have been introduced in 19 states, with about half the bills defeated and the remainder pending. An assemblyman in New York State, which scored an “A” from the Fordham Institute, introduced a bill in 2005 requiring schools to teach intelligent design as an alternative theory to evolution, but it died in the education committee.

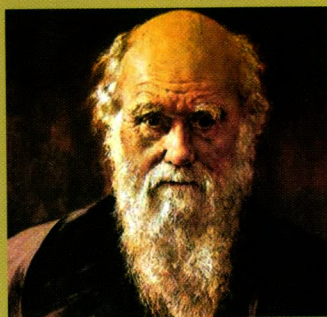
The journal *Science*, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), entered the fray late last year, choosing evolution studies as the “breakthrough of the year,” an annual award for the most important scientific mile-

stone. Several studies were cited by *Science*, including one that sequenced the chimpanzee genome and another that discovered a single population dividing into two species as the result of behavior differences. Not unmindful of the evolution debate rattling American education, *Science* editorialized, “Today evolution is the foundation of all biology, so basic and all-pervasive that scientists sometimes take its importance for granted.”

Colleges, universities join debate

While public high schools and middle schools are increasingly the focus of legal actions and election battles, American college campuses are witnessing nasty skirmishes of their own. Despite criticism and faculty tension, a handful of state schools and several private colleges have added courses on intelligent design to their non-science curriculums. The University of Kansas stepped in academic quicksand last November after announcing a new course would be offered this spring titled “Special Topics in Religion: Intelligent Design, Creationism and Other Religious Mythologies.”

To be taught by the creator of the course and then-chairman of the Religious Studies Department, Paul A. Mirecki, the announcement spurred an immediate negative reaction from ID supporters who objected to the term “mythologies.” A media uproar ensued when some e-mail comments Professor Mirecki made mocking fundamentalist Christians as “fundies” and others insulting Roman Catholics came to light. In quick order, Prof. Mirecki



Museum exhibits explore evolution

Natural history museums across the U.S., including some affiliated with colleges and universities, are participating in the

heated national debate on evolution through exhibits focusing on the science and life of Charles Darwin or the theory of evolution itself.

New York's American Museum of Natural History last November opened the most comprehensive exhibition yet offered by a museum on Darwin and his ideas. Three years in the making, "Darwin" traces the 22-year-old naturalist's life-changing five-year voyage on the *HMS Beagle* to South America and the Galapagos Islands, where his field observations led to the formulation of his theories on evolution and natural selection that would be published 25 years later in *On the Origin of Species*.

Featuring hundreds (many original) documents, artifacts and specimens—including plants and birds Darwin collected and two live 13-year-old Galapagos tortoises—the New York exhibit drew almost 200,000 visitors through the end of March. Museum spokesperson Michael Walker said the public's "very positive response" has pushed the exhibit's planned closing in May back three months to August 20. After leaving New York, "Darwin" will travel to the four other institutions that collaborated in its development: Boston's Museum of Science, Chicago's Field Museum, Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum and London's Natural History Museum, where it will arrive in time for the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth in 2009.

A \$2.8 million grant from the National Science Foundation is funding permanent "Explore Evolution" exhibits at six university-affiliated institutions in the midwest and south. The Universities of Michigan, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas at Austin and the Science Museum of Minnesota, together with five statewide 4-H youth development programs, are exploring seven current research projects that have impacted evolutionary study. Featuring interactive exhibits that allow the general public to experience how scientists conduct evolution research, the exhibits examine topics such as the rapid evolution of HIV, fossil discoveries of walking whales and genetic ties between humans and chimpanzees. "Explore Evolution" was four years in development and demonstrates evolution's importance across the scientific disciplines.

The Cornell University-affiliated Museum of the Earth at the Paleontological Research Institution last year developed a training seminar and written guide (available online at www.priweb.org) on evolution and creationism for museum docents and educators. The guide provides information on the scientific method, evolution, creationism and intelligent design, plus answers to frequently asked questions such as, "Is it true that there is lots of evidence against evolution?"; "How do we know how old all this stuff is?" and "Is evolution against religion?" It also provides helpful hints when speaking with argumentative or confrontational visitors. ■

— Mullaney

apologized for his comments, withdrew the course and stepped down as department chair. Kansas' Chancellor Robert Hemenway, who has publicly affirmed evolution as the "unifying principle of modern biology," criticized Prof. Mirecki's comments as "repugnant and vile" but firmly backed teaching the course. Prof. Mirecki subsequently reported an attack by two men who referenced his online comments, charged that he had been forced out of the chairmanship and hired an attorney.

At the University of New Mexico, the chair of the Earth and Planetary Science Department fought successfully to reclassify an ID seminar—offered for science credit for two years—as humanities, but the professor teaching the course withdrew it in the face of continued faculty objections. Faculty at Iowa State battled over a "God and Science" course that was ultimately rejected in its fourth year, then revised and reoffered. Last year, 120 Iowa State faculty signed a petition con-

*"Nothing in biology
makes sense*

*except in the light
of evolution."*

— Theodosius Dobzhansky (1900-1975),
Russian geneticist and evolutionary biologist

demning attempts to represent ID as science and 47 faculty and staff countered in a statement claiming their academic freedom to discuss ID has been suppressed.

Pennsylvania's Roman Catholic-affiliated Duquesne University in 2005 cancelled a lecture by Henry F. Schaefer in its distinguished scientist series after complaints from biology faculty. Professor Schaefer, a highly respected chemist who runs the University of Georgia's Center for

Computational Quantum Chemistry, was one of the first doctoral scientists to sign the Discovery Institute's dissent from Darwinism statement and ultimately delivered his Duquesne address to a standing-room-only crowd under the sponsorship of a Christian group.

In response to growing media interest, University of Idaho President Timothy White last fall issued a strong statement supporting evolution's place in the science curriculum. Evolution, he said, "is the only curriculum that is appropriate to be taught in our bio-physical sciences. We affirm scientific principles that are testable and anchored in evidence." Other views, he explained, may be taught in "religion, sociology, philosophy, political science or similar courses." The university denied that President White's statement was made to distance the school from the testimony of one of its professors, Scott Minnich, a biologist and proponent of intelligent design who testified in the Dover, PA, case.

Perhaps the most forceful comments yet from an academic were made by Cornell University's interim president, Hunter R. Rawlings III, in his October 2005 State of the University Address. Declaring ID "a religious belief masquerading as a secular idea," he warned against annulling "the rules of science in order to allow any idea into American education." He criticized both scientific and religious "imperialists" and said that universities like Cornell should be "addressing the cultural issues that the invasion of science by intelligent design embodies" through cross-disciplinary approaches involving scientists, humanists and social scientists. "The controversy," he said, "is about the tensions between science and belief, reason and faith, public policy and private religiosity."

Illinois-based Knox College, a small, secular liberal arts institution that draws students from around the world, offered a possible way to approach the debate with its recent philosophy course, simply entitled "Intelligent Design." Taught by Martin Roth, visiting assistant professor of philosophy, it was a concentrated discussion-based course offered during the winter break "to look at intelligent design on three levels," Dr. Roth explained, "as an argument for the existence of God, as an alternative to evolution in science and in the context of the current debate over evolution and religion."

Because Dr. Roth wanted the course to generate discussion and debate, he explored the history of the ID movement "beginning with Plato," Darwin's argument for natural selection and how the current debate affects reli-

gion. He also invited a member of the Knox biology faculty and a local clergyman to speak. Response to the course has been very positive among both students and faculty.

SJC stakes out position

The consequent educational issues are huge. A college like St. Joseph's, with its long history of graduating highly qualified elementary and secondary school teachers and a rigorous academic program in biology, is engaged by this conflict both as scientists and as educators. SJC biology Chairperson Dr. Frank Antonawich strongly opposes any course linkage between evolution and intelligent design.

"One is science and the other is not," Dr. Antonawich told *St. Joseph's College Magazine*. He recalled speaking with one student's mother, who had complained that her daughter, "raised a devout Catholic is now questioning every single thing." Dr. Antonawich explained to her that he just gives the scientific perspective. "I am not questioning anyone's religion. In the first week of class, we teach the scientific method. We ask is this an opinion or is it a testable topic? If it is not testable, it is not appropriate [for a science class]."

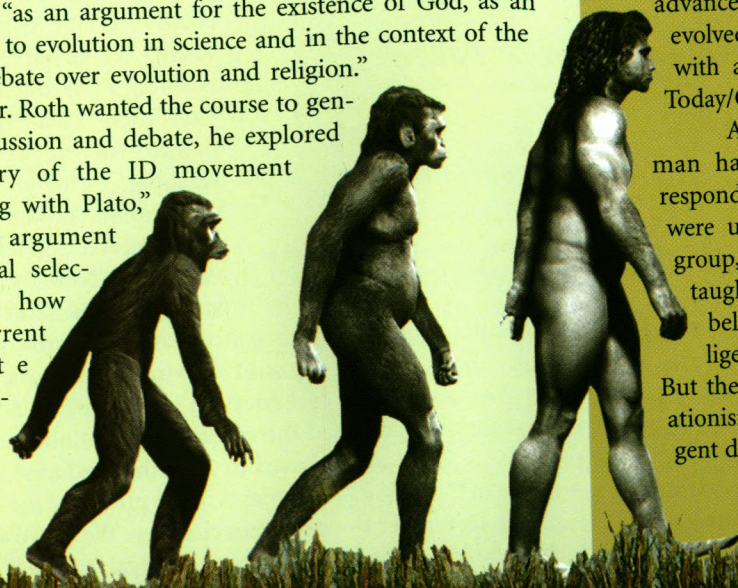
Dr. Moira Royston, who specializes in developmental and molecular biology at St. Joe's, is teaching a new course, "Evolving Life," that she designed specifically for non-science majors to learn the fundamental principles of evolution. "You

What the polls say

A CBS News poll conducted last October showed that 51% of Americans believe God created humans in their present form, and another 30% believe God guided the process of human evolution from less advanced life forms. Only 15% think humans evolved without God's guidance, results in line with a similarly worded September CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll.

A 2005 Harris poll which asked if apes and man have a common ancestry found 46% of respondents agreed they did, 47% did not and 7% were unsure. The majority (55%) of this same group, when asked by Harris what should be taught in public schools regardless of personal belief—evolution only, creationism only, intelligent design only or all three—said all three. But the next largest number (23%) answered creationism only, 12% said evolution and 4% intelligent design. ■

—Mullaney



can't teach evolution in one hour, that's why I spend 13 weeks," she said in a joint interview with Dr. Antonawich. "Darwin said evolution is change through time and the mechanism is natural selection. Those who are best adapted will be able to eat, reproduce and pass those genes on. All of this brouhaha has nothing to do with Darwin. [Where it began] wasn't his interest. That's not testable."

"Never teach ID in a college science class," Dr. Royston stated. "It belongs in theology."

What about "teaching the controversy?" Is it fundamentally unfair to not present dissenting views? "This issue should not be approached in high school," Dr. Royston said, "because high school students do not have sufficient background to understand. ID is not science." She and Dr. Antonawich agree that today's high school graduates are not prepared to tackle evolution when they enter college. "It's more exciting to do topic based stuff in high school," Dr. Antonawich explained, "so the kids memorize facts. They can tell me what in vitro fertilization is but not basic cellular evolution."

SJC alumnus Daniel Williams '05, who teaches high school biology in the Shelter Island School District, said he "walks a fine line" attempting to respect all beliefs but teach the science of evolution. No parent has challenged him but students have raised issues. He recalled a student

last semester who said she did not believe evolutionary theory but would "learn it for the test," which is exactly what she did. "I'm not as pure a scientist on this as they [Drs. Antonawich and Royston] would be," he said in a phone interview, "but I do talk about the preponderance of evidence supporting evolution."

At the private, Catholic Fontbonne Hall Academy in Brooklyn, Science Dept. Chair Emeritus Marian Skabeikis, SJC '69, said evolution teaching is a non-issue. "Parents here really respect the New York State curriculum and want a liberal arts

education for their children," she explained. The college preparatory school, founded in 1937 and operated for young women by the Sisters of St. Joseph, offers advanced placement biology and other science courses and maintains state-of-the-art science labs. "There may be some of our non-Christian students who have difficulty with evolution, but so far they have not expressed it," Mrs. Skabeikis said.

Another SJC alumna from the class of '69, Nancy Mulholland Brogan, principal of Intermediate School 62 in Brooklyn, recently led "a core group of teachers from across the disciplines" on a visit to the "Darwin" exhibit at New York's American Museum of Natural History. In her 14 years at the helm of IS 62, Dr. Brogan said there has been no controversy about the teaching of evolution in her school.

The only science course at SJC that even alludes to ID is "Current Topics in Biology," an online course started three years ago that is based on a traditional lab-included course. Students choose a topic from a list with questions such as, "Should all Americans be given the smallpox vaccination?" and present both sides of the argument and their own position. The query, "Should creationism be taught in the science classroom alongside evolution?" is discussed as a "hot topic," Dr. Antonawich pointed out, "not as a topic for teaching."

Although no serious challenge to evolution teaching has emerged in New York, in many states this remains a three-

front battle—involving the courts, school boards and classrooms—that shows no signs of slacking off. Ohio is a case in point. The state Board of Education in 2002 wrote new science standards that questioned the validity of evolution, and a voluntary lesson plan was approved in 2004 that included a "Critical Analysis of Evolution." Opponents of the plan used the Dover, PA ruling in December to once again challenge the board's decision, but lost 9–8 in January. Aware that AU's legal team was considering filing a lawsuit in Ohio, the Board of Education reversed itself

*"God's project of creation
can be carried out
through secondary causes
in the natural course of events,
without having to think of miraculous
interventions that point
in this or that direction."*

— Fiorenzo Facchini, professor evolutionary biology, University of Bologna, as published in *L'Osservatore Romano*, the official Vatican newspaper, Jan. 17, 2006

Voices in the debate

one month later, voting 11–4 to throw out the plan, prompting remarks from Darwin's critics and defenders.

"Darwin-only activists are dumbing down the teaching of evolution and stopping science learning," said Casey Luskin from The Discovery Institute. "Who would have thought that simply questioning and analyzing a scientific theory would be banned in schools anywhere in America?"

Eugenie C. Scott of The National Center for Science Education welcomed the news. "This is a stunning triumph for the students of Ohio's public schools, and a stunning repudiation of the all-too-successful attempts of creationists to undermine evolution education in the Buckeye State."

Elsewhere in the country, a Kansas school district became the first in the state to reject the new standards redefining science. And in another headline-grabbing case, a Las Vegas father of three proposed a constitutional amendment in Nevada that would mandate "a broader approach to teaching evolution in public schools," according to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. The paper said masonry contractor Steve Brown is not against teaching evolution and does not favor teaching intelligent design. He needs to collect over 83,000 signatures by June 20 to put the proposal on the November ballot.

Stay tuned. ■

True or false? Creationists believe in a literal interpretation of Genesis: God created all life in six days somewhere between 6,000 and 10,000 years ago.

The answer? True *and* false. While some creationists, known as Young Earth Creationists, hold this view, they by no means speak for all. Back in 1925, William Jennings Bryan conceded during the Scopes "Monkey Trial" that the days of Genesis might be periods of time, not 24 hours, an interpretation that has some support today. More popular is Old Earth Creationism, which accepts scientific evidence of the age and physical history of the earth but not modern biology and the genetic link between newer and older organisms. Theistic evolutionism is a variation that accepts modern science but considers evolution God's method of creation and declares God creator of the human soul, a theory in harmony with mainstream religions.

More than 10,000 Christian clergy from mostly mainline Protestant churches have signed a letter stating, "We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational scientific truth. . . ." and urging school boards "to preserve the integrity of the science curriculum by affirming the teaching of the theory of evolution as a core component of human knowledge. We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different, but complementary, forms of truth." An outgrowth of this clergy letter project was the commemoration this past February 12 of "Evolution Sunday" by over 400 churches in 49 states, marking the 197th birthday of Charles Darwin.

Which brings us to intelligent design, the movement at the center of the current uproar. ID posits that the complexity of the natural world could not have occurred by chance, that random mutation and natural selection are not satisfactory explanations for the large number of species in the world or the development of organisms as sophisticated as human beings, that an intelligent designer must have guided the process. ID critics, and this includes the vast majority of scientists, dismiss ID as creationism in sheep's clothing, an attempt to introduce religion into the classroom,

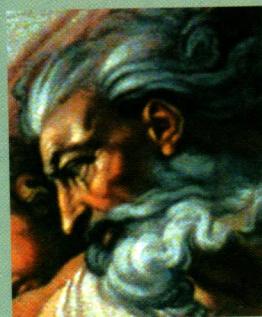
and maintain that biological evolution—descent with modifications from common ancestors—is an established scientific theory supported by facts confirmed repeatedly through observation and experiment.

Nevertheless, a small but increasingly vocal number of scientists are attacking the theory that natural processes explain the mechanism of evolution. "We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged," said a statement signed by 514 doctoral scientists—including 154 biologists—representing major universities and research institutions.

Compiled over the last five years by the Discovery Institute, a Seattle-based think tank that is a leading proponent of intelligent design, the statement and list now has its own Web site: www.dissentfromdarwin.org. According to John G. West, Ph.D., associate director of the Institute's Center for Science & Culture, "Darwinist efforts to use the courts, the media and academic tenure committees to suppress dissent and stifle discussion are in fact fueling even more dissent and inspiring more scientists to ask to be added to the list."

In a December, 2005, article originally published in the *National Post of Canada*, Discovery Institute senior fellow Steven C. Meyer, Ph.D., wrote ID "does not challenge the idea of evolution defined as change over time, or even common ancestry, but it does dispute Darwin's idea that the cause of biological change is wholly blind and undirected." He goes on to state, "Design is an inference from biological data, not a deduction from religious authority," and criticizes those who would dismiss the theory because it "may provide support for theistic belief." ■

—Mullaney



A Conversation with . . .

S. George Aquin O'Connor & S. Mary Florence Burns

Interviewed by Susan Kane

S. George Aquin O'Connor, president emerita, and S. Mary Florence Burns, a 1946 alumna and former VP for academic affairs, played major roles in the many significant developments that took place at St. Joseph's over a span of more than three decades. S. George joined the Social Sciences Dept. faculty in 1946, later serving as department chair until her election as president in 1969. Her 28-year tenure ended with her retirement in 1997. S. Mary Florence returned to St. Joseph's in 1950 to teach English, was appointed dean in 1969 and later VP for academic affairs, a post she held for 34 years. Together, they guided the College through decisions to accept male students, establish the Suffolk Campus, launch the Division of General Studies (now the School of Adult & Professional Education), expand scholarship and financial aid programs, introduce the first graduate degree and purchase new properties to accommodate the growing student enrollment. Here, they reflect on the College's colorful 90-year history.

Q. What were some of the challenges faced by the Sisters of St. Joseph who founded what was then St. Joseph's College for Women 90 years ago this fall?

SMF: The College opened in 1916 with the world at war. This was a world in which women did not have equal rights, were not expected to go to college and were not financially independent. In approaching the State Education Dept., the sisters needed the support of the bishop of Brooklyn in order to demonstrate the financial viability of the College, and Bishop McDonnell very willingly gave that support.

SGA: The founding sisters established the College out of concern for the gradu-

ates of their academies, chiefly the Academy of St. Joseph in Brentwood and St. Angela Hall Academy in Brooklyn. Of the first six full-time faculty, five were sisters and by 1925 there were 11 sisters, five of whom had doctorates. Now that was a remarkable achievement for that period of history. And from the first graduating class of 12 students eventually came the first medical doctor and the first Ph.D. Out of the second class came the first J.D. and the second Ph.D. The College was off to a running start.

Q. What you have categorized as phase one of the College's history runs from SJC's founding in 1916 through 1955. Msgr. William T. Dillon, for whom the Dillon Child Study Center was named, was the driving force for much of that time, although he was not officially named president until 1945. Both of you knew him, S. George as faculty, S. Mary Florence as first a student and later faculty. Can you talk about this pivotal time?

SMF: Fr. Thomas E. Molloy was the first philosophy teacher, and upon his appointment as bishop in 1920, Msgr. Dillon was named professor of philosophy and eventually became president. He brought a charismatic vision and creativity to the College and was a dominant figure from 1920 to 1955. Among his achievements, he continued a very strong emphasis on academic excellence, integrity—the College motto became *Esse non videri* ("To be, not to seem")—and on service. Also remarkable

for its time period (the early '20s) was Msgr. Dillon's emphasis on student government, independence and development, including the introduction of the Honor System.

SGA: Another major achievement in 1934 was the creation of the laboratory pre-



school, later known as the Dillon Child Study Center. Through this whole period, the academic world remained very stable. The focus therefore was not on innovation of program, it was on establishing a very strong academic base. By 1955, the College was very well known for its strong academic programs and for producing very effective teachers.

Q. After the resignation of Msgr. Dillon in 1955, we come to the second era in SJC's history. In 1956, S. Vincent Thérèse Tuohy was elected president. What were some of the challenges she encountered?

SMF: The end of WWII had brought a major shift in demographics with the move from urban areas out into the suburbs. The enrollment became something of a problem, but much more than that was the need for greater funding. The tuition was always low, always more than affordable, but it was no longer sufficient to support the College, particularly with the need for additional space and buildings. The alum-

ni, although very supportive of the College, had never been asked to contribute financially. S. Vincent, following a charismatic leader, was now faced with the difficulty of explaining this need to alumni and of developing alumni financial support, as well as reaching out to the Brooklyn business community for support.

SGA: S. Vincent recognized the need for a development office, brought in a consultant and then appointed S. Virginia Callahan (for whom Callahan Library was named) to head that effort. S. Vincent involved the alumni in financial support, culminating in the 1960s with the first capital campaign in the College's history. The outcome of that campaign was the construction of the

the whole country was being told you can't continue with a static academic world.

SGA: The New York State Education Department began to pressure colleges to make changes, for example, greater ease of transfer—any accredited college should take credits from another accredited college. When you have a fixed curriculum, as we did, this is difficult. The new transfer policy required that you loosen up the curriculum. So today, while we still require credits in specific areas, we don't require the specific courses.

Q: There were other obstacles that the College had to overcome during the '70s. Can you touch on those?

Q: How did the Suffolk Campus come about?

SMF: We had the chance in 1971 to open a branch campus on the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse grounds in Brentwood. It was an opportunity to see whether we could go out to Long Island, and S. George said we had to try. We were committed to Brooklyn, but we had to see whether this was possible.

SGA: In 1971, we established an upper division extension program in Brentwood affiliated with Long Island University. It was the first Coordinate Campus in New York State. S. Virginia Thérèse Callahan was serving as principal of the Academy of St. Joseph in Brentwood when we asked



McEntegart Hall Library and the Dillon Child Study Center. With the completion of the Dillon Center, S. Vincent retired in 1969.

Q: Soon after, S. George was elected president, the same year that you, S. Mary Florence, became academic dean. What was the College climate like when S. George took office?

SMF: Major demographic and economic changes in the country and in Brooklyn were taking place. By this time, we were in Vietnam—there was social unrest, the beginning of the closing of some of the Catholic high schools here in Brooklyn and the closing of small colleges nationwide as education became more expensive. There was no federal or state aid until the mid '70s, so every small college was suffering. And what should not be overlooked was the student revolution that started in Berkeley in 1965, reaching the east coast by 1968 and bringing with it more student demands. We had always been student-centered, but now

SMF: In 1966, at the College's 50th anniversary celebration at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, then-Governor Nelson Rockefeller announced, one, that he was going to expand the state university system; and two, in a sense to compensate private colleges for what this expansion might do, he announced the initiation of financial aid to private colleges, the so-called Bundy Aid. With the cooperation of the Board of Trustees, the College finally received Bundy Aid in 1973.

SGA: In addition, in the summer of '69, City University announced a program of open admissions, virtually tuition-free. In terms of the viability of our institution, I think it probably was one of lowest points in our history. The College, with very little money, faced a decline in enrollment because of the closing of the Catholic high schools, the open admissions policy of CUNY and the competition from SUNY. But we just kept moving. Eventually, Bundy got us onto a very different financial footing and enabled us to go to Suffolk.

her to come back to the College in 1976 as Suffolk's first dean and executive VP. The branch campus expanded to a full four-year program in 1978. It was S. Virginia who identified the property in Patchogue and urged the move.

Q: What were some of the major achievements of S. George's tenure?

SMF: The challenges of this period called for a series of adaptations. The College became coeducational, opened the branch campus in Suffolk, introduced the program for adults (now the School of Adult and Professional Education) and made significant changes in curriculum—starting with loosening up the core curriculum but expanding to include majors in business, nursing and other health-related fields and finally the first master's program.

SGA: Also, the Board of Trustees became very important during this period in providing expertise and support for fundraising projects and for the capital

campaign which resulted in the construction of the Callahan Library and the Danzi Athletic Center in Patchogue. The final thing I would stress about this period was that the collaboration and support of faculty and alumni was essential. You can give leadership—you can be a visionary—but if people are not willing to work with you, the vision doesn't go anywhere.

Q. We come to the current phase, under the leadership of S. Elizabeth Hill. What challenges was she confronted with when she succeeded S. George as president in 1997?

SMF: The need for more space, more buildings, more parking in Patchogue—success had brought its own problems. And the need for more parking and renovations on the Brooklyn Campus, the need to keep up with the technological revolution that was taking place and the rapid changes occurring in today's world. How do you prepare students for a world in which there doesn't seem to be an end to this rapid change? How do you ensure that there are some constant values at the same time that everything is whizzing by you so quickly?

SGA: S. Elizabeth announced "continuity and change" as the theme of her administration. And I think we've seen that. First, the emphasis on strong academic programs has continued, so today we have additional master's programs, a total of five in some areas of the College's greatest strengths (child study, business and nursing). Second, up-to-the-minute technology, with the two campuses connected by two sets of videoconferencing equipment. Other accomplishments include a steady increase in the number of faculty, a new emphasis on the fine arts, a renewed focus on student engagement in the College and in the local communities with the creation of the Institute for Civic Engagement, the purchase of 256 Clinton Ave. and St. Angela Hall in Brooklyn and the construction of the Business Technology Center in Patchogue.

Q. Looking back over the College's 90 years, the word that comes to my mind is perseverance. You kept plowing through, despite the obstacles. Where does that come from?

SMF: Much of that spirit, I think, comes from the Sisters of St. Joseph—it's very consonant with the College's emphasis on meeting the needs of the times. It's interesting that the 90th anniversary of the College coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood. Each phase of the College's history has had its own challenges and to date we have been able to meet those challenges, but we've met them by being adaptable. That's what I see as running through this—trying to be faithful to mission, a strong academic and value-oriented education for eligible students and preserving the real spirit while adapting to changing circumstances.

SGA: I think that as part of the College you have a certain drive, you want to preserve the integrity of the institution. When there is no money and you are facing a declining enrollment, it drives you to that motto, "Necessity is the mother of invention." What do you want to do—just preserve what you can for as long as you can, or do you take some chances? It took courage, I think, and it took persuasion to get people to see that change was necessary. We also kept in mind at all times our commitment to maintaining affordable tuition.

Q. What are your own personal dreams for SJC as it grows and evolves?

SMF: Our hope is that the Brooklyn Campus will continue to serve in an area that very much needs the kind of education we provide. We both feel very strongly about that. And we hope that the College in Suffolk will continue to grow and be strong.

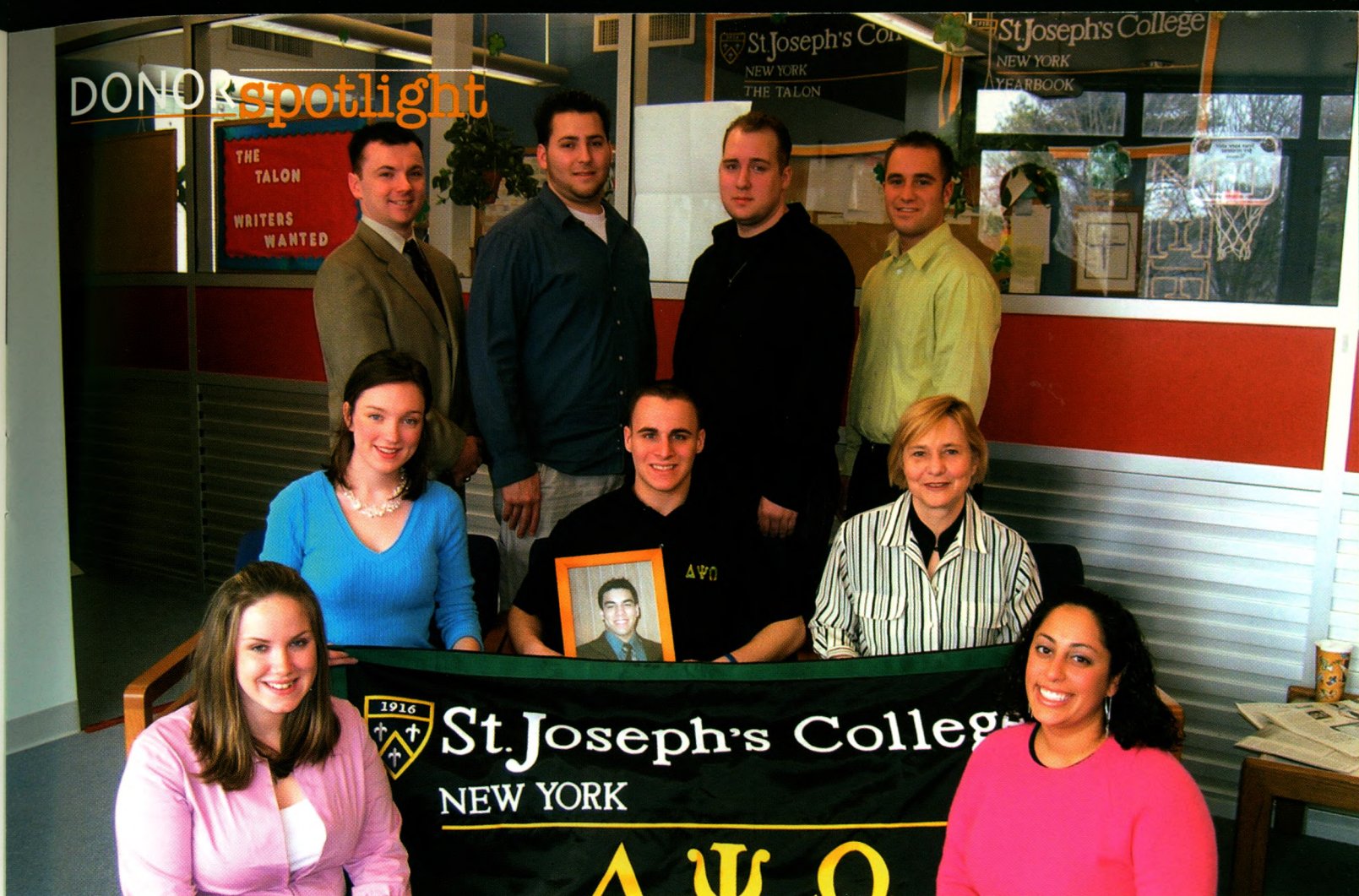
SGA: The other thing we both consider to be so important is the collaboration and cooperation of every member of the faculty, administration and staff. Because without that, you're putting too much energy into things that will not move the institution forward. And it's very hard to maintain that high degree of a sense of collaboration—we're all in this together—as the faculty and staff grow larger.

Q. What advice can you offer to today's leaders and those still to come?

SMF: Keep the academic and the students central and continue to be flexible and adaptable.

SGA: Have heart and hold on. ■





In memory of Dion, a brother and a friend

by Jessica McAleer Decatur

The Dion Arroyo Memorial Scholarship is a fully endowed scholarship established by the brothers of *Delta Psi Omega* fraternity in memory of their former classmate, brother and friend, Dion Lawrence Arroyo. With matching funds of up to \$10,000 from St. Joseph's College, *Delta Psi Omega* recently exceeded their goal of \$25,000 to endow the scholarship.

A Bellport H.S. graduate who studied computer science at SJC's Suffolk Campus, 20-year-old Dion Arroyo was tragically killed in a car accident on Sept. 11, 2003. An excellent student, Dion touched the lives of many with his overwhelming generosity and kind heart. The day of his accident, students, faculty and friends gathered in the campus quad and wept while Dion was fondly remembered during a 9/11 prayer and dedication ceremony.

"In life, Dion was there for anyone who needed him," said Ben Tieniber, president of *Delta Psi Omega*. "We are committed to honoring his memory through this endowed scholarship. With it, we hope Dion can continue to help fellow students in need."

Throughout the academic year, the brothers of *Delta Psi Omega*—with the help of the Student Government Association, Drama Society, Campus Activities Board, *Zeta Sigma Phi* and *Lambda Psi Iota* sororities—dedicated much of the proceeds of their charitable efforts to the scholarship. In February, the fraternity sponsored a dinner that raised approximately \$3,500, and a basketball tournament was planned for April.

The Arroyo family recently posted a message on the *Delta Psi Omega* fraternity Web site (www.deltapsiomega.com) expressing their gratitude to SJC and everyone involved in making this scholarship possible.

"We are humbled by the outpouring of such love, and we know in our hearts that Dion is proud of his brothers," Dion's mother, Marilyn, wrote in part. "No matter where we go from here, *Delta Psi Omega* will forever be a part of the Arroyo family."

Delta Psi Omega was founded in 1996 by four young men with a vision. Since then, the fraternity has established itself as one of the most successful ongoing student organizations at St. Joseph's. Through the principal values of determination, persistence, omniscience and diversity, the brothers are challenged to create their own paths in life while making a difference in their communities.

"This is where friendships are started and brothers are made for a lifetime," said Ben. One needn't look further than the Dion Arroyo Memorial Scholarship to find the truth of that statement. ■

Pictured above: Delta Psi Omega President Ben Tieniber (holding photo of Dion) with some fraternity brothers, Director of Student Services Marian Russo (to Ben's left) and representatives of other student groups that contributed to the scholarship effort.





CHANGES AHEAD FOR BURNS AND TUOHY HALLS

by Clare Kehoe

As the College prepares to mark its 90th anniversary this October, it has announced a plan for the Brooklyn Campus calling for the conversion of the Sisters of St. Joseph Burns Hall convent to an Admissions Center and the creation of a reception pavilion for the adjacent building, Tuohy Hall.

Although this project will cost over \$2 million, the College has been presented with an exceptional opportunity to raise the necessary funds. Beginning in 2005, St. Joseph's was eligible to receive \$1,777,543 in matching funds from the New York State Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program for construction, renovation and equipment. For every dollar in state matching funds requested, St. Joseph's must raise \$3.

Located on one of the loveliest blocks in the historic Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn, Tuohy Hall was built in 1928 and houses administrative offices, an auditorium, a gym, classrooms and science labs. Although the Clinton Avenue entrance to Tuohy is one of the most trafficked areas on the Brooklyn Campus, it has not changed since the building was constructed. When the new project gets under way this spring, the construction team will demolish the back wall of Tuohy's entrance corridor and erect a wall that will enlarge the area, allowing for a back-office mailroom with switchboard facilities and a spacious new lobby pavilion.

Brooklyn's 90th freshman class will be the first freshmen to step into the beautiful new reception pavilion of Tuohy Hall when they arrive on campus this September. On the left side of the large circular space, opaque windows, etched with the St. Joseph's College seal, will surround a view of the chapel's stained-glass windows. Seating will be built in all along this curved wall, lit by attractive overhead fixtures. On the right side of the pavilion, a smart-looking brick wall will frame the new security station.

As Tuohy Hall's entrance is being transformed, the construction team will be converting the Burns Hall convent to the Admissions Center. A stunning Victorian-era mansion, Burns Hall was built in 1903 by Charles Pratt, a wealthy oil baron, for his son, George DuPont Pratt. The mansion's handsome red brick and sandstone facade, with its exception-



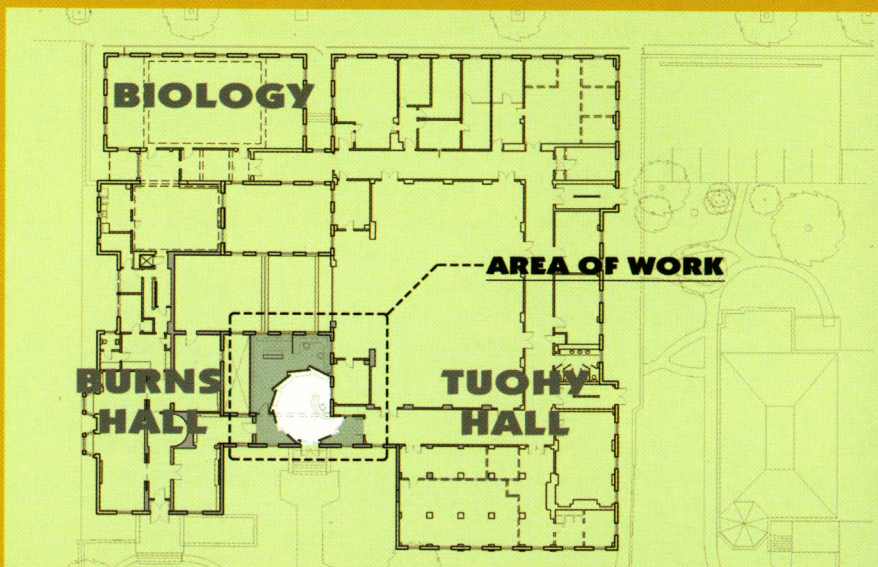
al wrought iron door, is in the Federalist style, and has an interior resplendent with wood paneling, antique fireplaces and an elegant spiral staircase.

This spring, the Burns Hall roof will be repaired, and work will begin on the interior of the building. The project's designers, Holzman Moss Architecture, have chosen a paint scheme and car-

peting that is reminiscent of the colorful Victorian era but is very appealing to today's taste. The first-floor parlors, featured in an episode of "Law and Order" last season, are in excellent condition, so will remain untouched. The former bedrooms and sitting rooms on the two upper floors will become offices for the admissions staffs of the undergraduate and graduate School of Arts and Sciences and School of Adult and Professional Education. The spaciousness and beauty of the rooms will be retained, and offices will have attractive furniture and workstations.

The renovation will also include upgrades to the heating and air-conditioning systems and replacement of some windows. In addition, the Office of Technology and Information Services will wire and cable the offices for computers and a new telephone system.

As SJC kicks off its annual giving campaign next fall, the College will turn to the Brooklyn alumni for support to match the NYS grant. At this extraordinary milestone in St. Joseph's history, the College will ask alumni to make a special gift for the Burns Hall and Tuohy Hall projects. For more information about how you can help, please contact Clare Kehoe at 718.399.8425 or ckehoe@sjcnj.edu. ■



Speakers slated for spring commencements

by Claudia Mirzaali

Three distinguished speakers from the fields of business, health care and education will address the SJC Class of 2006 at commencement exercises scheduled for late May and early June. The College will award each speaker an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Jim McCann, founder, chairman and CEO of 1-800-Flowers.com, will address Suffolk graduates of the School of Arts & Sciences and the School of Adult & Professional Education at the Nassau Coliseum on May 30. Mr. McCann opened his first retail store in 1976, eventually building a chain of successful flower shops in the NY metropolitan area. After acquiring the 800-FLOWERS phone number, he renamed the company in 1986 and launched 1-800-Flowers.com on the Internet in 1992. He is a published author and award-winning public speaker.

Mr. McCann is a member of the board of directors of Willis Group Holdings Limited, GTECH Holdings Corp. and the National Retail Federation. His awards and honors include Entrepreneur of the Year, the Advocate of the Year Award and the Retailer of the Year Award.

Jean G. Leon, R.N., M.P.A., executive director of the Kings County Hospital Center and senior vice president of the Central Brooklyn Family Health Network, will address graduates at the School of Adult and Professional Education in Brooklyn on June 1. A 1977 alumna of SJC, Ms. Leon holds a B.S. in Health Administration.

Beginning her professional career as a registered nurse, Ms. Leon holds certification in Quality Assurance and Nursing Administration and has lectured and consulted extensively in the area of health care. She is a member of numerous organizations, including the

National Association of Health Care Quality, American College of Health Care Executives and the International Society for Quality Assurance in Health Care Organizations. She has received many honors, including the New York State Quality Assurance Health Care Professional Award.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier, the New York State Education Dept. deputy commissioner for higher education and the professions, will deliver the commencement address at the Brooklyn School of Arts and Sciences ceremony on June 2. Ms. Duncan-Poitier is responsible for guaranteeing the quality and accountability of over 271 colleges and universities and 400 proprietary schools in New York as well as directing the preparation and certification of more than 225,000 public school teachers and school leaders statewide.

Ms. Duncan-Poitier also oversees the Office of the Professions, where she directs the licensure and practice of over 750,000 employees in 47 health, business and design professions, including medicine, pharmacy, engineering, architecture and public accountancy. She is the recipient of many state and national awards, including the Member Achievement Award from the National Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation; the Governor's Outstanding Leadership Award; and the President of the United States Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Mentoring.

The Brooklyn commencements will take place at the Thomas E. Molloy Outdoor Theatre on the College mall. ■

Pictured on right: (top) Jean Leon, R.N., M.P.A.; (middle) Jim McCann; (bottom) Johanna Duncan-Poitier.





Suffolk's veteran admissions director retires

by Susan Kane

Marion Salgado, a 1978 graduate of the College's first Suffolk Campus in Brentwood and one of Patchogue's original administrators, retired in January after almost 28 years as director of admissions for the School of Arts & Sciences.

"There were three criteria for retirement in my head: one, to retire while I still enjoyed what I was doing; second, to retire when I felt I was on top; and three was to outrun [Secondary Education Dept. Chair] S. John Raymond [McGann], but I thought that was an impossible goal so I had to erase that," she quipped in a December interview.

Actually, Marion will not be leaving St. Joseph's altogether. She recently agreed to chair Suffolk's Council for the Arts, of which she has been a member since the group's formation in 1997. That new post, along with weekly yoga classes, travel, golf and volunteering at a local soup kitchen, keeps her busy these days.

Marion worked in Exxon's New York City office for 19 years before taking a leave of absence to complete her college education. In Exxon's travel division, she coordinated new hires and handled work permits, visas, transportation and accommodations for employees who were transferring overseas. As an organizer of the annual stockholders

meeting, she traveled extensively, and she was on the first 747 to fly to Paris, France, and the first to fly to Sydney, Australia.

At a graduation party for the SJC Class of 1978, Marion's first husband, the late Louis Salgado, approached Suffolk Academic Dean S. Virginia Thérèse Callahan. "He said to S. Virginia, 'Why don't you hire my wife? She'll do a good job for you,'" Marion

"My strategy was always to be honest, fair and available."

recalled. "The following week I had a letter in the mail from S. Virginia, asking me to interview for the job of admissions counselor." She had already decided not to return to Exxon due to the long commute.

Beginning in Brentwood, Marion made the move to the College's new

Patchogue site in 1979 and was offered the director's position shortly thereafter. At that time, the admissions staff consisted of Marion, one admissions counselor and an administrative assistant. The following fall, the trio welcomed Patchogue's first freshman class of 48 students along with 79 transfers—a far cry from the incoming class of 969 students that Marion and her staff of 10 enrolled last fall.

"I felt when I took the job that we had a nice niche that we could fill out here, as far as our academic reputation, as far as the type of student we attracted, and I think we've managed to fill that niche," she said.

One of the keys to her success in steadily increasing enrollment was her close tie with the Long Island guidance community. "The guidance counselors knew me as one of the few admissions directors who did not jeopardize academic standards to meet recruitment goals," Marion said. "They admired that fact about St. Joseph's. My strategy was always to be honest, fair and available."

She also credits her "mentors," former VP for Academic Affairs S. Mary Florence Burns and former Registrar S. Amata Kadlack, "who always took time for me and taught me everything I learned about



Gigi Lamens named new director

Gigi Lamens has joined St. Joseph's College as director of admissions and enrollment services on the Suffolk Campus.

Most recently VP for enrollment management at Hofstra University, Gigi brings to her new position a wealth of experience in the field of admissions. A graduate of SUNY at Cortland (B.A. in Education) and SUNY at Oswego (M.S. in Education), she began her career as a reading teacher in the Oswego City School District, later joining the English Dept. faculty at Caldwell



Community College and Technical Institute in North Carolina. In 1980, she assumed the additional responsibility of admissions counselor at Caldwell while continuing to teach part time there.

She served as assistant director of admissions and coordinator of international student recruitment and admissions, and later director of the Center for Youth in Engineering and Sciences, at Polytechnic University in Brooklyn before joining the enrollment team at SUNY at Stony Brook in 1988. She spent the next 15 years at Stony Brook—12 of those years as dean of admissions and enrollment. In 2002, she went to work for Hofstra, where she oversaw the areas of undergraduate and graduate admissions, scholarships, financial aid and retention.

"I am pleased to be back in Suffolk County and delighted to be at St. Joseph's working with [VP for Enrollment Management] Theresa [LaRocca Meyer] as she develops and fine tunes the new division of enrollment management," Gigi said at a faculty meeting in February.

Among her immediate and long-term goals, Gigi hopes to increase the number of freshmen in new incoming classes and to enhance student diversity. She is also working toward enrolling more students in the under-subscribed majors and to continue the trend of improving the academic credentials of new freshmen. Other objectives include outreach efforts targeting the school counseling community, involving parents as "partners," assessing and enhancing visits to the campus by prospective students and developing more "e-tools" such as chat rooms, online admissions status verification, online event registration and a Web site for admitted students.

"The Admissions Office has an energetic and dedicated staff," Gigi said. "I look forward to working with them to develop a recruitment and admissions operation that is efficient and effective and does a great job serving students and their families." ■

— Kane

transfers, credits and evaluations," she noted.

Marion was active in many professional organizations, including the Western Suffolk Counselors Association, where she served as president for two years. She was also involved in the Longwood H.S. School to Work Partnership, the guidance advisory board of the Lindenhurst Public Schools, the Long Island Counselors Annual Conference Committee and the advisory board of Farmingdale University, and she represented SJC on the College Board.

Marion and her new husband, Bob Becker, who wed in August 2005, were scheduling a trip to Russia and Scandinavia this September as well as ski getaways. "And certainly there will be more travel," she said of her future plans. ■

Pictured above (from left to right): Marion at her retirement party last January; Marion and her late husband, Louis, shown at an SJC Dinner Dance; Marion (right) with her original staff, Admissions Counselor Roger Schwoerer and Administrative Assistant Cathy Kurka '03.



Fast times for record-breaking Golden Eagle swimmers

by Frank Flandina



The Golden Eagle women's swim team in Suffolk completed one of its most successful seasons to date, highlighted by a remarkable seven new College records set by athlete Kim Gordon and four by teammate Julia Gould. In addition to their individual achievements, Kim and Julia helped set nine new marks in team relays.

Kim, a junior captain, set new marks in the 200, 500, 1,000 and 1,650 free and the 100 and 200 back and had the fastest relay split in the 50 free with a time of 27:84. She was the first SJC female swimmer to be named *Newsday* Female College Athlete of the Week (1/30/06) after she broke two school records in one meet.

"Kim came in as a freshman three years ago with no prior competitive swimming experience and is a perfect example of dedication, perseverance and work ethic," said Coach Christine Bensen. "She never misses a practice and always challenges herself to do better. Look for her to make finals in the 1,650-yard free next year."

Julia, a sophomore, qualified for the finals at the Met Championships in the 200-yard butterfly and set a first-ever mark in the 200 fly. She currently holds records in the 100, 200 and 400 IM.

Under the direction of Coach Bensen, the ladies posted an 8-4-1 record, finished third at the Skyline Invitational and placed 14th at the Metropolitan Swim Championships. ■

Sports Shorts

Suffolk Men's Soccer

Chris Kunzig led the squad with 21 points, 8 goals and 5 assists and was honored by being selected (for the second time) to the Skyline All-Conference Team. Chris also was named to the Skyline Honor Roll four times during the season. Marco Soccocio was named Skyline Player of the Week in September. The Golden Eagles finished the season with a 7-11 record.

Suffolk Women's Soccer

Courtney Caden was named Skyline Rookie of the Year thanks to her team-leading 8 goals and 18 points. Five players were named to the All-Skyline Team—Courtney, Katie Schnitzenbaumer, Erika Raimo, Jackie Lento and Jessica Ragazzi. In addition, Katie was named *Newsday's* Female College Athlete of the Week in November. Coach Joe Lee received the NY Metropolitan Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Sportsmanship award for the second time in three years. His team boasted an impressive 5-1 conference record and finished the year at 9-10.

Suffolk Women's Volleyball

First-year Head Coach Tobey Pantophlet and his staff were recognized as the Skyline Conference Volleyball Coaching Staff of the Year. Coach Pantophlet, who joined St. Joseph's last summer, guided the Golden Eagles to a 17-13 overall record, a 7-1 mark in Skyline Conference play and the second seed in the tournament. Senior Andrea Chibbaro was named to the Skyline All-Conference Team.

Suffolk Women's Tennis

Carly Nappi was named to the Skyline All-Conference Team at the conclusion of the season. Jennifer Vosilla was named Skyline Rookie of the Week in September. The team posted Skyline wins over Yeshiva and Mt. St. Vincent and finished the year at 3-7.

Brooklyn Athletes/Coach Awards

St. Joseph's is proud to recognize the accomplishments of our student-athletes and coach who garnered awards based on their performances during the 2005-2006 season:

USCAA National All-Americans

Marzena Stadnicka and Svetlana Medvedeva (volleyball)

Chris DiStefano and Chris Olaskiewicz (men's basketball)

Michelle Softy (women's basketball)

USCAA Academic All-Americans

Michelle Softy, Billy Haufmann and Lukasz Cygan

Hudson Valley Conference Coach of the Year (women's basketball)

Frank P. Carbone

Suffolk Men's and Women's Cross Country

Four Golden Eagle runners were named to the Skyline All-Conference team by virtue of their finishes at the Skyline Championships and St. Joseph's Invitational at Sunken Meadow Park. Bryan Knipfing, the 2004 Skyline individual champion, finished second, 26 seconds behind

Will Sanders from Stevens Institute. Bryan's performance helped the SJC men place fourth overall. As a result of finishing second, Bryan earned All-Skyline honors. Jessica Kirsch (sixth place), Katie Baudier (ninth) and Danielle Rowlette (tenth) all finished in the top 10 for the women's squad. Their strong efforts enabled SJC to end the day in second place behind Kings Point. All three runners also earned All-Skyline honors.

Suffolk Men's Basketball

Coach John Mateyko's team had their most successful season under his watch as they captured the four-seed in the Skyline Tournament—their highest-ever finish. The team won the most games since the 1987–88 season and posted their first winning campaign in six years, as they finished 16–10 overall and 9–5 in the Skyline Conference. Freshman David Acree was named Skyline Co-Rookie of the Year in addition to being a *Newsday* Athlete of the Week, Skyline Player of the Week and multiple-time Skyline Rookie of the Week. Junior Jorge Martinez made the All-Skyline team and was a member of the Skyline Honor Roll on three separate occasions. Coach Mateyko has posted four consecutive seasons with double-digit victories, tying program founder Frank Mulzoff for most seasons with 10 or more wins.

Suffolk Women's Basketball

Senior forward Kristen Mando finished fifth on the SJC all-time scoring list (925 points), was named All-Skyline Conference (First Team), Co-ECAC Player of the Week and Skyline Player of the Week this winter. Fellow senior, Katie Dornemann, who finished eighth on the scoring list (730 points), was also voted All-Skyline (Honorable Mention) and named a Skyline Player of the Week. St. Joseph's front line of Kristen and Katie combined for an average of 30 points and 17 rebounds per game in 2005–06. They rank fourth and fifth, respectively, in career rebounds.

Senior captain Kelly Murphy ended her career ranked seventh on the SJC scoring list and holds the single season record for free throw percentage. Senior Christine Argentina finishes as the program's career leader in both assists and steals. SJC finished the 2005–06 campaign with an 11–15 mark. ■

David Acree

Volleyball team claims second title

by Frank Carbone



St. Joseph's completed another landmark volleyball campaign by sweeping past local rival Mount St. Vincent 3–0 in the HVWAC championship game to earn its second consecutive tournament title. In addition to finishing the season with an impressive 19–6 record, the Lady Bears also received their first-ever bid to compete in the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association's National Tournament.

Although unable to win any matches in the national tournament, St. Joe's gained valuable experience that helped them earn another championship on the local scene. There were plenty of stars, including sophomore Magdalena Wiecek, whose fine play paced St. Joe's to the title. Magdalena was named the tournament's MVP once again (she first won the award in 2004) for her spectacular play as SJC swept past Marymount (30–16, 30–11, 30–13), St. Elizabeth's (30–13, 30–20, 30–22) and finally Mount St. Vincent (30–26, 30–19, 30–20) to capture the title.

Magdalena was joined by the Lady Bears' powerful front line of attackers, which featured USCAA National All-Americans Marzena Stadnicka and Svetlana Medvedeva and freshman Tamara Bulatovic, who was named to the All-Conference team. With a roster that featured four sophomores and nine freshmen, it appears that the Lady Bears might be hoisting the big trophy for years to come. ■



USCAA All-American Marzena Stadnicka

Bears end record 21-win season

by Frank Carbone

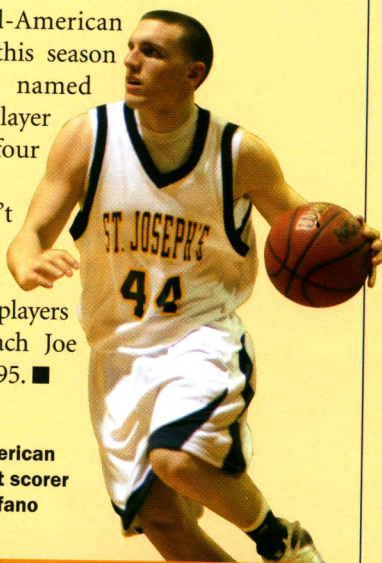


The Brooklyn men's basketball team wrapped up a remarkable season, winning a school record of 21 games, capturing their second straight Hudson Valley Conference regular season title and earning their second consecutive bid to compete in the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association's Division 2 National Championship Tournament.

At the nationals, the Bears were upset in the quarterfinals, 80-62, by Marion Military Institute (AL), but rebounded to defeat the host team from New Hampshire Technical Institute, 78-72, before being edged in the battle for fifth place by Vermont Tech, 68-61. The Bears were led by senior Co-Captain Chris DiStefano, who earned National All-American honors again this season and was also named the USCAA's Player of the Week four times.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the effort that all of our players gave," said Coach Joe Cocozello, SJC '95. ■

USCAA All-American
and 1,800-point scorer
Chris DiStefano



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Lady Bears capture third Hudson Valley Championship



The Lady Bears won their third Hudson Valley Conference title in the past five years, breaking open a tight game with just under nine minutes remaining and holding on for a thrilling 71-59 victory over the Mt. St. Vincent Dolphins. Leading by one point with 8:49 to go, the Ladies went on an 11-0 run, sparked by the superb clutch play of Michelle Softy, who scored 26 points and was named the tournament's MVP. It was quite a weekend for Michelle, who tallied 27 points the previous evening in a semi-final victory over Marymount College.

St. Joe's got off to a slow start as the Dolphins held as much as a 7-point lead for most of the first half before the Lady Bears closed the gap to one just before intermission. Annamarie Ciorciari (15 points) and Melissa Velez (12 points/4 assists) provided steady

play on both ends of the court. When junior forward and recent 1,000-point scorer Lynette Reyes (10 points/9 rebounds) nailed a 3-pointer to start the second half, St. Joe's was ready to take control of the game.

"Our girls were tremendously focused and played with such passion it seemed like we got every loose ball in the second half," said Coach Frank Carbone, who achieved his 150th career win in the process. "That was one of the real keys to the victory."

As a result of their championship victory, the Lady Bears competed in the National Association of NCAA D3 Independent's Regional Tournament, where they dropped a 64-62 heart-breaker in overtime to St. Joseph's College of Maine. After that, the team accepted their sixth consecutive bid to the USCAA National Tournament, falling to Northwest Christian College by a score of 47-44. ■

New track and field team off and running in Suffolk

by Frank Flandina



Suffolk's newest team—indoor/outdoor track and field—has certainly made its mark in a short period of time. Headed by Steve Trudel, the student-athletes participated in seven events between December and March.

All but one of the meets were in the category of open competition, so

no team scores were tabulated. The only team competition was cancelled due to a blizzard, so the team will have to wait until next year to see how it stacks up against other institutions.

Adding to the Eagles' successful kickoff season were three team members who earned CTC All-Conference honors—Katie Baudier, Henry Perez and Traice Van Wart. ■

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ALUMNIlink

Alumnus creates safety program for children

by Christine Mullaney

“Working to Reduce Child Abductions” is the somber but positive goal of The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation. For its chairman and founder, 1994 SJC graduate Matthew J. Barbis, that purpose is fueled by a horrendous personal tragedy, the kidnapping and murder of his 11-year-old cousin, Carlie Brucia, in Florida in 2004.

“Since Carlie’s murder, I look at life differently,” Matt said, adding, “I was naive.”

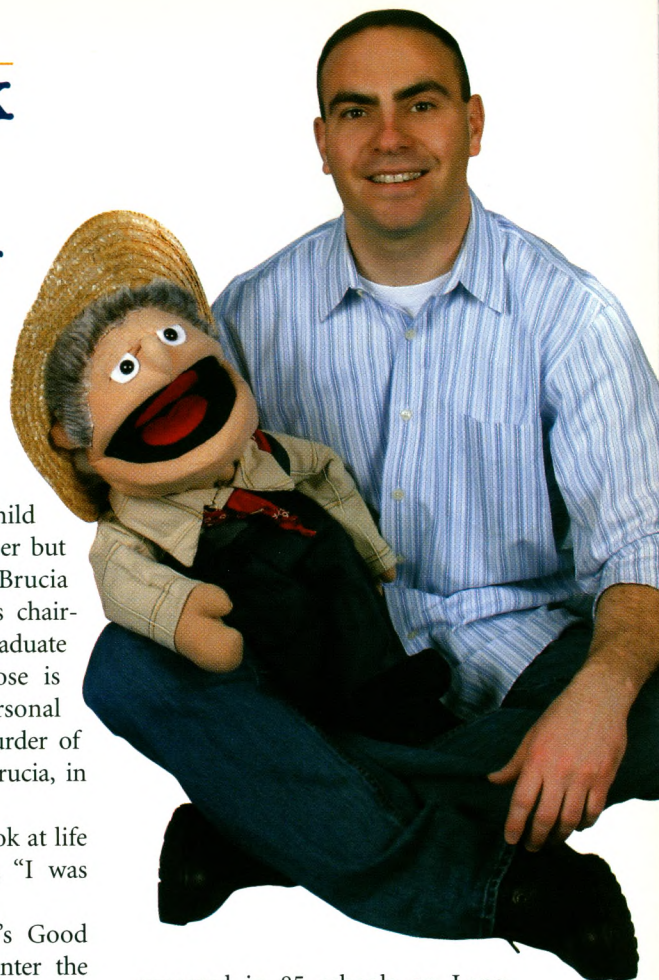
Matt found in West Islip’s Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center the affiliated partner required to get his program up and running. Together with Good Sam’s Christine Hendricks and its Community Health Dept., he developed the Stranger Safety Program, which consists of two short puppet shows that bracket a live action self-defense demonstration.

Utilizing puppetry from “On Applebee Pond” and available to schools free of charge, the program spotlights “simple, realistic tips for children” that alert them to possible danger. The puppets focus the children’s minds on this message.

In the first show, a stranger asks the Applebee Pond gang for help finding a lost puppy. In the second, one of the pond characters gets separated from the group at the mall. The children are told that “looking for a lost puppy” is one of the most common tricks strangers use to isolate children, and that screaming “stranger”—not “fire” or “help”—will get the attention of nearby adults.

In between the skits, Matt, a karate expert, demonstrates a safe, easy-to-use break-away move. “Respect your elders until that person puts his hand on you,” Matt tells his young audience. “Then get away and run.”

The Stranger Safety Program, a loving effort of family and friends, has now



appeared in 85 schools on Long Island, reaching over 9,000 children. Outside of Good Sam’s service territory, it is presented under the sponsorship of The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation, named by Matt to honor his deceased grandmother “because she was the perfect example of unconditional love.”

Matt, a retirement investment specialist who owns his own firm, hopes to take the program national. The Foundation took its first steps off Long Island in February with a presentation at Fort Drum in upstate New York. Soldiers of the U.S. Army’s 10th Mountain Division and their families enjoyed the antics of the Applebee gang, and the Foundation received several awards for its work, including a Certificate of Excellence from the “Iron Sappers.” Matt was thrilled when they were invited back to Fort Drum in April for “Child of the Military” month.

Established in loving memory of Carlie Brucia, The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation (www.rosebrucia.org) is already making a difference—and possibly saving the life—of another family’s child. ■

CLASS notes

Accepted to graduate school? Getting married? Ready to retire and take that long awaited trip around the world? That's great news, and we'd like to share it with the rest of the College community in Class Notes. Please submit news items and photos either through your class agent, or through the Publications Office (319 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, NY 11772; fax: (631) 447-8261; e-mail: cmirzaali@sjcny.edu). Please include your graduation year and degree (B.A., B.S., M.S., M.A., M.B.A.) earned. Thank you!

1930s

Hazel O'Connell Reukauf '39 was eager to welcome her third great-grandchild.

1940s

Ruth Drucker '40 shared news from her classmates. **Anne Sullivan** was informed by Bishop Cosica of the death of his sister, **Grace Coscia '38**. She made her home in Brazil after serving in the WAVES. **Agatha O'Brien** and her son, Peter, live in a villa above the Willamette River in Oregon, on the property of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM.) Agatha relayed the story of Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher and two other nuns, who in 1843, came from Canada to found a school, now known as Marylhurst Univ., the first liberal arts college for women in the Pacific Northwest. Her new address is 2877 Rosecliffe Ct., Lake Oswego, OR, 97034. Queens College was planning an 85th birthday tribute to acclaimed poet **Marie Birmingham Ponsot** in April. **Rosalie Saitta Cahill** and her husband, Jim, visited **Adelaide Zeng Rach** at her Wantagh home last summer.

Rosedna Hall Murray '41 welcomed twin grandsons, Peter and Robert, born in March 2005 to daughter, **Frances Murray Daly '78**.

Margaret McDerby Shea '41 reported news from her class. **Marjorie Murphy Lynch** has nine children, 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren with two more on the way. She tutors in an elementary school and belongs to a garden club. She spent February with her daughter in Clearwater, FL. **Agatha**

Maimone Lombardo still lives in Bay Ridge. She is retired from teaching at St. Ephrem's Elem. School and was looking forward to the Class of '41's 65th anniversary celebration in April. Agatha spends time at her daughter's home on the Jersey shore. **Bette Whalen Bonsall** is coping with the loss of her vision with the help of a talking books program.

Clare Bauch '45 updated us with news about her classmates. **Edith Voelker Piazza** is on the road to recovery. Slowly but surely her knees and back are improving. **Margaret Connors Weigand** now lives with her children in Greenlawn. **Eileen McDermott Ott** was leaving Middle Village and moving to the Jersey shore, near some of her children. **May Whalen Gronell** now lives at the Huntington Terrace in Melville. **Antoinette Marcioni, Margaret Jokiel Joyce** and **Margaret Millus Maroldy** attend many alumni events and were looking forward to seeing some of their classmates at April's spring luncheon. **Clare Bauch** visited Thailand with her sister, **Ann Bauch '56**, and other alums in March with S. Joan Ryan's travel group.

Dorothy Strachen FitzSimmons '46 traveled through Italy last spring with her son, James.

Grace Devoy Lee '47 and her husband, Bill, moved from PA to Pearl River, NY near their daughter.

Gloria Delatour Garrity '47 sends her love and prayers.

Mary Flanagan Rigaut '47 plans to visit her son's cottage in Ireland in July.

Class of '47 classmates **Jeanne Mullen, Marie Mallon McCormack, Anne Dannemiler Louthan, Virginia Swift, Mary Flanagan Rigaut, Anne McKenna McCormack, Norma Cirino** and **S. Mary Florence Burns '46** hope to congratulate many friends at the Class of 1946's 60th anniversary.

Barbara Maguire Martin '48 and her husband, Clark, a West Point grad, attended the wedding of their granddaughter. The newlyweds are both West Point grads who served in Iraq.

1950s

Remigia Foy '50 was one of the recipients of The Art of Aging Award from the New York State Office of Aging for exemplary service to her community of Saratoga Springs, NY.



Members of the Class of 1959 enjoyed each other's company at the annual Alumni Fall Luncheon, held Nov. 19 at Bridgewater's in NYC.

Eileen Mahoney Hoban '50 writes that Joan Hines Tana and her husband, Lou, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Attending were classmates Joan Crane Medvecky and Betty Teufel Delaney, who were in the wedding party. In September, Pat Doherty Singleton, Eileen Mahoney Hoban, Anne Churchill Hanley, Eileen's sister-in-law, Mary Connolly Hoban '54 and her husband and friend went on a river cruise in Germany. They cruised the Rhine and Moselle for 10 days. Anne and Eileen stayed in Amsterdam a few extra days enjoying the beautiful weather.

Joan McCarthy Dillon '51 is a retired English teacher.

Jean Bove Kabbert '52 welcomed new grandson, William.

Anne Moran Keenan '52 welcomed two new grandchildren, Kaleigh Hope and Connor Edmund. Anne retired from teaching kindergarten and now teaches special education at her parish in Centereach, NY.

Marion Orlando Celenza '53 was featured in the "My Favorite Thing" Home section of *Newsday*. In the December interview, Marion discussed her love of stained-glass windows. She has a collection of over 100 stained-glass pieces on display at her home.

Irene Breen '55 was glad to share news about her class' 50th anniversary last fall. Many classmates are keeping in touch and sharing photos from the event. Irene is very grateful to all who helped with the event.

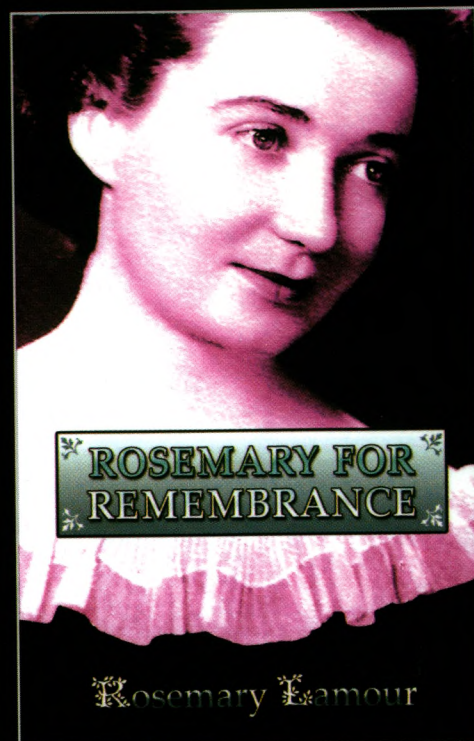
Ann Bauch '56 shared news that her only missing classmate was found living in upstate Ravena, NY. Val Cannon Curry is a mother of six and a retired school teacher. One of her daughters is a Franciscan nun in TX and another works on scenery and costumes on the show "Lady in White." Val is happy to be among those who will celebrate the 50th class reunion.



Members of the Class of 1956 (celebrating their 50th class anniversary this year) enjoyed a "Day at the Races" at Belmont Park Raceway in September sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office. From left: Joan Reardon Dillon, Winifred Cavanagh Malone, Angela Alexander Maher, Anne Porter Molanphy and Ann Bauch.

Alum's 'remembrances' of SJC, Maria von Trapp

by Susan Kane



Rosemary Glynn Lamoureux '43 writes fondly of her days at St. Joseph's Brooklyn Campus in her recently published first book, *Rosemary for Remembrance*. The autobiography follows Rosemary's colorful life from her childhood in Park Slope, her years as a student and later the first guidance director at SJC and eventually, in a twist of fate, private secretary to the Baroness Maria von Trapp of *The Sound of Music* fame.

"Roe," as she is known to her family and friends, wrote the book (published under her pen name of Rosemary Lamour) at the request of her five children and 12 grandchildren. In the chapter, "College," she writes nostalgically about her professors, classmates and of then-Dean and later-College President Msgr. William Dillon: "Msgr. Dillon. . . would be walking up and down in his cassock near the College entrance every morning whistling, 'Tuxedo Junction,' and greeting everyone by name."

After graduating from St. Joseph's and earning a master's from Columbia University, she worked at various jobs before returning to SJC in 1949 to establish the College's first guidance office. A few years later, she accepted a summer position at the Trapp Family Music Camp in Stowe, VT, which turned into a seven-year life-changing journey that included much travel, meeting celebrities such as Bob Hope and her complicated relationship with the often-demanding Baroness. Like her employee, Roe later married a widower with a large family, the late Charles Lamoureux. She currently lives in West Melbourne, FL. ■



Matthew Colson '02

named associate director of alumni relations

by Melissa Gonzalez

“In my new role, I plan to provide meaningful connections and services to the College’s alumni...”

Matthew Colson, a 2002 graduate of the College, has been named associate director of alumni relations on the Suffolk Campus. Matt’s appointment is part of an overall plan to expand the College’s alumni relations program. Prior to this position, Matt was the senior graduate admissions counselor and an academic advisor in St. Joseph’s Graduate Management Studies program, where he was responsible for recruitment and marketing.

“I am looking forward to working with the alumni to connect or reconnect them to St. Joseph’s College,” Matt said. “In my new role, I plan to provide meaningful connections and services to the College’s alumni and to convey to them that they continue to be valued members of the College community.”

For Matt, the keys to fostering greater alumni engagement are to keep graduates in tune with what is happening on campus and in the College as a whole, to inform them about the many ways they can contribute to St. Joseph’s, to encourage them to share their success stories and to let the College know how it can still be of service to them. “By doing all this, hopefully we can assist our current students by enabling them to benefit from the life experiences our alumni have to offer.

One of Matt’s goals is to increase alumni participation through venues such as career networking, mentoring or academic major- or club-focused events. “Our alumni are everywhere,” he noted. “They are teachers, principals, CEOs, doctors and lawyers, to name just a few. We have some high profile alums out there. We cannot explain life after SJC to the current students without the alums’ help.”

There are many activities and events taking place on campus that may be of interest to graduates, Matt said. “I would like the alumni to know that we are not asking for a lot of their time. We are asking them to participate in things that are

meaningful to them, and to create a sense of pride in their alma mater.”

Asked what message he would most like to convey to alumni, Matt answered simply, “Just know that you are welcome back with open arms.”

While a student at St. Joseph’s, Matt was active in many organizations, including theatre productions and the fraternity, *Delta Psi Omega*, of which he presently serves as moderator.

“Matt has been an asset to the College since his days as an undergraduate student,” said VP for Institutional Advancement Nancy Connors. “At a time when St. Joseph’s seeks to expand its alumni relations program, we are very fortunate to welcome an alumnus who knows the College so well.”

Before joining SJC, Matthew obtained educational work experience as a counseling intern in the Port Jefferson and West Islip School Districts. He also worked as the assistant director of admissions at Long Island University’s Southampton Campus, where he created “Get Linked,” a networking program to introduce incoming freshmen to their peers.

Matt maintains memberships in the GAPSEMC (Graduate and Professional School Enrollment Management Corporation) and NYSACAC (the New York State Association for College Admission Counseling). He also is a member of *Chi Sigma Iota*, a counseling academic and professional honor society, and the Western Suffolk Counselors Association, where he served as a student representative on the Executive Council.

Matt holds an M.S. in Education from Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, and a B.A. in Speech Communication from St. Joseph’s. He and his wife live in Farmingville with their three daughters. ■

Claudia Mirzaali contributed to this story.

Joan Reardon Dillon '56 was treated to a trip to Rome for her 70th birthday by her daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Paul, who accompanied her.

Angela Alexander Maher '56 and her husband, Alan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and their families.

Eileen Hale Peters '56 and her husband, John, are both retired. They have 15 grandchildren and enjoy traveling in their motor home across the U.S., wintering in FL.

Anna Costello Stellwag '56 is on the Rockland County BOCES School Board after serving two years on the South Orangetown School Board. She is active at her church and with the NYS Senior Action Council Exec. Committee, which lobbies for senior concerns.

Barbara Morrison Marlborough '57 noted that members of her class meet in the city for lunch twice a year. The fall group included **Dolores Bryan Weeden, Anne Buckley McAssey, Joan Costa Davis, Anna Costello Stellwag '56, Dorothy Dembinski Jesinsky, Edna Gibbons Andreassi, Frances Higgins, Bernadette Hoermann Donohue, Gloria Johnson Talty and Barbara**. Any class members interested in joining the group, please call Barbara at 631.665.1997 or Gloria at 516.536.4976.



Friends from the Class of 1965 visited Ellis Island together last summer. From left: Nora McGowan Haggerty, Maryann Finnerty Zacchea, Christina McCullagh Cronin, Margie Morrow Becht and Peggy McCartney Leder.

recently celebrated four years as a cancer survivor.

Mary Collins Macchiarola writes in news from the Class of 1962. **Rosemary McDonald Ahern, Anne Byrnes Concannon, Mary Elinor Edwards McCarthy, Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin, Claire Lavin O'Regan and Patricia Jesinsky Palmer**

1960s

Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle and Carole Rooney share news from the Class of 1961. **Mary Lenehan McHugh, Mary McLaughlin Regan**, Rosemary and Carole represented their class at the fall luncheon. **Barbara Fraunhofer Feldmann** and her husband, Richard, visited their daughter and her family in India last Christmas. **Mary McLaughlin Regan** welcomed granddaughter Kelly Clare Regan. Mary and her husband, Jack, loved their vacation to Sicily. **Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle** and her husband, Tony, spent two weeks in Boca Rotan, FL, visiting family. **Carole Rooney** traveled to New England last summer; she keeps in touch with **Mary Ganley** and **Joan Kraft** and recently visited **Gabrielle Tinley McDonough** and her husband, Ed, at their new home in Westchester. Carole is planning to marry her longtime friend, Victor Morris, shortly. **Ada Tracey Stankard** and her husband, Bob, are enjoying their retirement; they have traveled to San Diego, Dayton, the OuterBanks, Chautauqua, Buffalo, Rochester, New Zealand and Australia. Ada attended a reunion of her graduate school buddies and belongs to two book clubs. She is active in the AAUW and

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Let's stay connected!

enjoyed an afternoon together last summer at the home of Mary Collins Macchiarola in Breezy Point. Mary moved from Breezy Point in November and is now living in downtown Brooklyn. **Noreen Doherty** visited **Joan Corcoran Fordham** and her husband, Jim, last summer in Kitty Hawk, NC. **Judy Perry Cleary** retired from teaching and recently took classes taught by her daughter at their local library. **Catherine Travers Alcuri** is enjoying her new granddaughter, born last summer. **Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin** visited Belgium in February, then was off on a five-week journey to Australia and New Zealand, with a stop in CA to visit her son.

Elizabeth Williams Auricchio updated us on news from the **Class of 1963**. **Helen Craig Hoefner's** youngest son, **Tom Hoefner '00**, married **Jaime Vacca '02**. Guests from the Class of 1963 included **Mary (Hannon)** and **Jim Egan**, **Pat (Corrigan)** and **Tom Koppinger** and **Carole (Kuklis)** and **Steve Oberheim**. **Pat** and **Tom** recently returned from a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico; they were so impressed by the outpouring of faith of the Mexican people and their love for the Blessed Mother. **Kathryn Kiernan O'Malley** has a one-year-old granddaughter from China named Maranatha who arrived in the U.S. in November; her parents are Kathryn's daughter and son-in-law, **Dierdre** and **Aaron**. **Fran Minichiello**, **Mary Minogue Brouder**, **Marie Albano Pellegrino**, **Dorothy Fitzgerald Glew**, **Mary Calahan Browne** and **Elizabeth Williams Auricchio** all enjoyed November's fall luncheon.

Barbara Kempczinski and **Mary Noberini '64** journeyed along the Silk Road from Islamabad, Pakistan to Xian, China last year. The trip took 30 days and was completed mostly over land, with the exception of one short flight from Kashgar to Urumqi in western China. Highlights included crossing the Hindu Kush mountain pass in a Jeep, riding camels in the Gobi Desert and viewing ancient Buddhist shrines.

Mary Noberini '64 visited Egypt with her daughters, **Elizabeth** and **Catherine**, in January. They traveled through the Sahara Desert, stopping at several oases along the way.

Terry Civello reported news from the **Class of 1965**. **Marge Walsh Smith** is on the mend and

Alum produces CD to benefit African missions

by Susan Kane

"Magnificat: 150 Years of the S.M.A." is an original CD of songs of praise co-produced by **Dermot Roache**, S.M.A., SJC Class of 1993. Inspired by the zeal of his fellow missionaries in the arts and music, **Dermot** decided to celebrate his congregation's 150th jubilee year by creating this compilation of songs sung in the many African vernaculars spoken in areas served by the Society of African Missions.

Dermot, a seminarian with the S.M.A. Fathers, lives and works in Nairobi, Kenya, with classmates from 11 different African nations. Together, they composed and co-produced the CD, which **Dermot** described as "African in style, each song with its own flavor of its homeland." All proceeds from the sale of the CDs (\$20 each) benefit the S.M.A. missions.

To purchase a copy, please contact **Joanna Pawlicka** at: S.M.A. Fathers, 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly, NJ 07670; smausa-c@smafathers.org; or call 201.567.0450. Make checks payable to the S.M.A. Fathers CD Jubilee Fund.

Dermot was an English teacher in Brooklyn before answering the call to serve the church of Africa as a priest with the S.M.A.. After three years in West Africa, **Dermot** is currently in Kenya completing his theological studies and preparing for ordination in May 2007.

The S.M.A.'s primary goal is "to keep God in the center of the lives of the poor, bringing hope and liberation to a neglected continent," **Dermot** said via e-mail. The S.M.A. also oversees a social and humanitarian program that works in schools, health clinics and homes to improve the lives of individuals and families. S.M.A. serves in 16 countries on the African continent.

"The need is great," **Dermot** said. "Kenya has 60,000 children (ages 5-16) living on the street. Nearly half are in the capital city of Nairobi. This is the future of a nation?"

For further information about the S.M.A., visit www.smafathers.org. ■

Graduate Management Studies Dinner



Associate Prof. of Business **Robert Marose** (standing, second from left) visits with members of the M.S. in Management program's first graduating cohort (Class of 2001) during the Fifth Annual Graduate Management Studies dinner held at Collins & Main Restaurant. Dr. Marose spoke at the event. Seated, from left: **Darlena Dunbar**, **Lauren Somerville** and **Margaret Roberts**. Standing: **Eileen Piekarski**, Dr. Marose, **Bill Harden**, **Kathleen Nugent** and **Heather Shea**. Alumni from the Brooklyn Campus gathered for a similar evening of dining and networking at **Graziella's Restaurant** in Brooklyn.

has completed rehab on her leg. **Carol Guirlando Corrigan** reports that **Jeanne Rice Harvey**, who lives in England, is still battling cancer, but was well enough to travel to the U.S. with her husband. Carol is still working full time during her retirement at the New Lebanon Library in the rural northeast corner of upstate Columbia Co., NY. **Cathy Klemballa** retired from Morgan Stanley and now divides her time between Brooklyn and FL. **Tonia Lombardo Moore** and her husband, Ed, recently moved to Ewing, NJ. **Pat Higgins Comer** welcomed her second grandchild. **Jo Ann Conti Kneafsey** and her husband, Joe, took a cruise to the Panama Canal. **Chris McCullagh Cronin's** son, Kevin, recently returned safely from a tour in Iraq; Chris asks for prayers for her new grandson, who was born with Spinabifida. **Cathleen Reynolds Gordon** and her husband toured Bryce Canyon, UT, where they met up with **Ellen Kilgannon O'Leary**, who was traveling with another group. **Maureen Flanery** left the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission to work at NYC's Human Resources

Administration Division of Child Support Services. **Terry Civello** continues with her Medicaid Consulting business, as well as working part time for Weight Watchers. Terry and **Mary Ann Barry Stevens** were planning an April trip to Las Vegas. Terry asks for her classmates to send her their news at terryrose150@yahoo.com.



Members of the Class of 1975 gathered for a mini-reunion in the Rec Room at the Brooklyn Campus last fall. Coordinated by the Brooklyn Alumni Office and Assoc. Dean for the School of Adult & Professional Education Linda Fonte '75, the event included a tour of the newly renovated library and cafeteria. Seated, from left: Anne Mulligan, Bill Gorman and Mike Casella. Standing: Casey Cole, Tom LaGuidace, Joanne Berzowski Casella, Noreen Burke Romano, Linda Incorvaia Fonte, Tom Fonte, Cheryl Soister and Regina Conaughton Mohan.

Nancy O'Donnell Flynn '65 welcomed new grandson, Dylan Benjamin Flynn, in July 2005.

Judith Raikowski Burr '67 welcomed new grandson, Oliver Jack Blyth. Judith and her husband, Lawrence, visited Sydney, Australia in time to see the baby walk for the first time. Judith plans to retire from JP Morgan Chase after 37 years and move to Palm Harbor, FL.



Shown at the annual Alumni Fall Luncheon, held Nov. 19 at Bridgewater's in NYC, are, from left: Dir. of Alumni Relations Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69, Luncheon Co-Chair Mary Cunningham Brockmeyer '70, Chair Amelia Abagnalo Kreitsch '70, SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill '64 and Co-Chair Mary Buckley Teatum '70.

1970s

Marilyn Jaeckel '71 retired from Verizon after 32 years. Her photographs of "The Gates" in NYC's Central Park were on exhibit at a gallery in TN.

Fred Herron '74 delivered a paper, "Millennials and the Catholic University: Insights from the Benedictine Rule," at a conference sponsored by The University of Notre Dame. He and his son, Michael, presented a workshop, "A World-Embracing Prophet: Towards a Theological and Spiritual Vision for Millennials" at the sixth general meeting of the Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Vera Tuozzo Esposito '77 will be honored for her fidelity to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center at

A Family Affair



Alumni Fall Luncheon Chair Amelia Abagnalo Kreitsch '70 (center) attended the Nov. 19 event with daughter-in-law Danielle Rondello Kreitsch '99 (left) and daughter Jessica Kreitsch '02.

Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Awarded alumni scholarship grants for the 2005-06 academic year on the Brooklyn Campus were (from left): Joelle Marsella '07, Carol Jasmin '07 and Emily Lauria '08.

Alumni Basketball Night



Former members of the Brooklyn Campus men's basketball team attended a reunion in February sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office. From left: Head Coach Frank Carbone, Nicholas Pepe '01, Thomas Mohan '73, Brendan Mohan '99, Norman Torres '01, Brian McNellis '02 and Timothy Banoff '01.

its annual Women to Women event. She and her husband, Neil, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Frances Murray Daly '78 and her husband, Robert, welcomed twin sons, Peter and Robert, in March 2005.

Brother Thomas Cole, O.F.M., '79 is a mission promoter of the Franciscan Missionary Union.

1980s

Rose Ann Orlando '80 has been a psychiatric nurse practitioner since 1990, employed in private practice since 2003, when she retired from Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center after 34 years.

Michelle Grande Cacamis '81 has been teaching for 25 years, the last 20 teaching first grade in the Levittown Public Schools. She has been married to her husband, Dan, for eight years.

Maureen O'Connell '84 was elected Nassau County Clerk in November. She was the only Republican to win a Nassau County office in a Democratic sweep.

Thomas J. Force '85, executive VP and general counsel for American Medical and Life Insurance Co., is part of AMLI's management team. AMLI was recently acquired by TREK Holdings Corporation.

Linda Fisk Mancuso '86 left her position at the Dillon Child Study Center to raise her son, Michael. She is expecting her second child and recently moved to Franklin Square.

Deanna Travis Thorn '89 and a fellow alumna meet SJC's Dr. Susan Rooney for lunch twice yearly. Deanna has wonderful memories of SJC.

1990s

Chris Crisona '90 teaches fourth grade in Oviedo, FL, where he lives with his wife, Cher, and their son, CJ.

Filomena Scibelli Lundon '91 plans to return to teaching in the fall after a leave of absence. She lives in Brooklyn with her son.

Liz Robinson '91 was promoted to senior manager at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Melville. She has been with the company for seven years and focuses on auditing private firms.

Rosemarie Grimaldi Hamlin '96 is a speech pathologist in private practice. She and her husband, Gregory, are expecting their second child in April 2006. They have a son, Matthew.

Kevin Coster '97 is the new principal of John S. Hobart Elementary School in the William Floyd School District, Shirley.

Gerard Owenburg '97 was named to the prestigious *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for the third consecutive year. Gerard is a teacher and advisor at West Babylon H.S.

James Caiaccia '98 retired from the USN/USNR after 30 years as an operations specialist chief.

Peggi Monnier-Farringt Healy '98 accepted a position as director of quality management at the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center.

Catherine Sorenson '98 and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She is a retired registered nurse.

Katherine Daskalakis '99 earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in CA. She has relocated to Summerville, SC.

Maura Kelly Lewinger '99 and her husband, **Joseph Lewinger '00**, announce the birth of twins Jack Joseph and Madison Claire, who were born in December 2005.

Best wishes to **Nancy Dudo '99 (M.S. Mgt. '04)** and **Thomas Tuozzolo Jr.**, who were married in Sept. 2005. Nancy is a corporate operations specialist for Adecco in Melville.

2000s

Lisa Shaffer Ostertag '00 announces the birth of her daughter, Emma.

Best wishes to **Christy Van Hoesen '01**, who wed Peter Salerno in October 2005.

St. Joseph's shows it cares

by Christine Mullaney

Alumni, students and faculty from St. Joseph's College Brooklyn Campus gave up a Saturday last October to work with New York Cares, refurbishing the Brooklyn School for Global Studies. Miranda Ellis Graf '04, SJC's assistant to the director of alumni relations, served as team leader for the College, organizing the volunteers and providing necessary information. Miranda attended a training session over the summer with New York Cares, whose 27,000 volunteers contributed over 176,000 hours of service last year, touching the lives of some 250,000 New Yorkers.

Working with Miranda and S. Susan Wilcox, moderator of the Campus Ministry and Outreach Club, the SJC volunteers painted doors, hallways and stairwells. Six art students from Professor Jane Beckwith's class created murals, including one depicting the high school's leopard mascot. The St. Joseph's College Alumni Association provided breakfast and lunch for the SJC workers.

It was a great experience for everyone involved, providing a real service to other New Yorkers. Miranda, who chose the Global Studies school from a list provided by New York Cares, said SJC alumni would like to tackle a similar project in the fall, perhaps helping a private or Catholic-affiliated school. ■

William Gorman '75, president of the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, helped spruce up the hallways of the Brooklyn School for Global Studies.



A lady who makes a difference

by Susan Kane



Two days shy of her eighteenth birthday, Susan Robbins Schell '89 was gravely injured in a car accident that nearly claimed her life. She emerged from a three-week coma permanently blind, weighing 67 lbs. with 40 broken bones. Convinced that her life had been spared for a reason, she decided that she could and would rise above her disability and help others do the same.

Twenty-four years later, Susan continues to inspire those she meets with her story of courage, hope and determination. After recovering from her injuries, she went on to realize her dream of obtaining a college education, graduating from the Suffolk Campus in 1989 with a degree in human relations. In 1996, she married her love, Bob Schell.

Eight years ago, Susan found her true niche as co-host of a weekly cable television program featuring people with disabilities. In 2000, she embarked on a new show of her own, "Making

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A Difference." Now in its sixth year, the program is "about real people doing real things that make a difference," Susan explained. "We showcase the people you may never have known about." The 30-minute show airs Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. for

Hauppauge and Brookhaven Cablevision viewers and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for customers of Woodbury Cablevision, all on Public Access Channel 20.

Now Susan has taken on a new project as facilitator of a support group for the Guardian Brain Foundation,

which strives to improve the lives of children and adults with brain injuries and tumors. "These are people who truly need the support," Susan said. "If I can give them hope and help them reach out and connect with others, I will have accomplished my goal."

With a track record like Susan's, odds are she'll do just that. ■

Pictured above: Susan Robbins Schell '89 and her co-host, brother Tom Robbins, interview Tito Batista of Black Rose Productions during a recent taping of Susan's weekly cable TV program, "Making A Difference."



Congratulations to Valerie Giaccone '05 and Thomas Taylor, who were married in April 2005. They were expecting a son in March 2006.



Best wishes to Jaime Vacca '02 and Tom Hoefner '00, who married in December 2005. They met while students at SJC.



Congratulations to Joaquin Reyes '00 and Maribel Gonzalez '05, who wed in July 2005. Both are pursuing master's degrees in science education.

Matthew Colson '02 and his wife, Jennifer, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Rose.

Michelle Visser '02 announces her engagement to Ryan Dolan. Michelle is a veterinary technician at Shaffer Animal Hospital in Sanford, FL.

Peter Binder '02 was named director of marketing of Somnia, Inc., a national provider of outpatient surgery services. Prior to joining Somnia, he managed a multi-specialty marketing outsource agency.

Cheryl Felice '03 is president of the Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees.

Congratulations to **Samantha Darak '05** on her engagement to Kevin Sullivan. A July 2006 wedding is planned.

Thomas Schuessler '05 had a paper accepted for publication and presentation at the spring meeting of the the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute in Puerto Rico. He will be attending the meeting with Dr. Robert Marose of the SJC Graduate Management Studies Dept. The paper was originally prepared as a requirement for one of Thomas' Executive M.B.A. graduate courses at SJC.

Anne Marie Witte '05 was accepted to St. John's University to study for her master's degree in library science.

Best wishes to **Tiffany Pridgen '06** and Greg Crecco, who were married in July 2005. ■



Best wishes to Brianne Ernst '01 and Benjamin Krakaur '02, who were married in August 2005.

Alumni V

TWO '05 GRADUATES, TWO D



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Education is an ageless treasure

by Rose Guarino Cianchetti '05

Somehow, the idea of women's entitlement to education hadn't reached my world yet when I was born during the Depression in Brooklyn. Boundaries were set by firm cultural rules and my future was already laid out for me. Sweet sixteen meant quit school, find a job and get married.

Just as my sixteenth birthday was approaching, my teachers convinced my parents to allow me to finish high school by enrolling in the Cooperative Course. The program was designed to augment the shortage of male employees during WW II. The work/study program alternated each week with school and a job on Wall Street that paid a weekly salary of \$17.50.

While the co-op course was an interesting concept, there would be no football-cheering-squad excitement, as the program didn't allow for extracurricular activities. When I graduated from high school in 1946, imagine my bewilderment when my three brothers didn't take advantage of the G.I. Bill for a free college education.

Drawing on my high school learning, I worked as a bookkeeper and eventually turned my ambitions for a college education toward inspiring my three children, who successfully obliged. But the secret yearning still lived on in my heart. When my youngest child left for college, I rushed to enroll at Suffolk Community College, where I majored in journalism. Encouraged by my professors and my experience as writer/editor on the campus newspaper, my essays were submitted and published in *Newsday* and other news media. By the

time I graduated in 1980, my first grandson, Michael, was there to attend my commencement.

A stint at Stony Brook University in 1981 was interesting, but I missed the intimacy of small classes. So when the Board of Cooperative Educational Services offered me the position as public information specialist, I accepted.

Working for BOCES in the educational field and encouraging youngsters to pursue higher education was a perfect fit for me, but once again my dream was put on hold. Eventually, author Pat York's book, *Growing Strong*—about achievers in their 70s—inspired me to enroll at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue in 2003. By the time I earned my B.S. degree in General Studies on June 1, 2005, my first grandson had presented me with my first great-granddaughter, Bella Rose.

Reaching a lifelong goal does not mean that the challenge must end. I will continue writing and further develop my love for art and music, which was enhanced at St. Joseph's College.

Indeed, education is a treasured gift that lasts a lifetime. ■

The above is an edited version of an article that first appeared in several Long Island weekly newspapers. Rose recently learned that her name will appear in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. She continues to pursue freelance writing and is working on her first book.

oices

We are pleased to introduce Alumni Voices, a forum for our graduates to speak out on a variety of topics. We welcome your submissions of 500 words or less. Please note that articles may be edited for space or clarity. E-mail your submissions to: skane@sjcny.edu. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached.

FFERENT PATHS

Volunteer experience the 'opportunity of a lifetime'

by Suzanne Olivotti '05

Last year, S. Marie Vanston gave a presentation on alternative job opportunities, including one offered by the Jesuit Volunteer Corp. At first I thought it was definitely NOT for me. How could I take a year off volunteering? There were loans that had to be paid and eventually graduate school. So I took the paper and went home.

A few weeks later, I found that paper on my desk and decided to look at JVC's Web site, where I learned that if I was accepted, I would be living in the community in which I served along with other volunteers. I read about the four values of the program—social justice, community, simple living and spirituality—and realized that this was my next step in life.

Six months into the program, I love my job as a policy associate for the non-profit organization, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance. I am currently working with state legislators and local advocates on a law that treats 16- and 17-year-olds as adults in the justice system. I'm doing something I never could have imagined, and I'm learning more about teaching and about what kind of teacher I want to be.

I've learned that I'm capable of doing much more than I ever thought. I felt comfortable in front of a classroom of fifth graders, but speaking one-on-one with lawyers, judges and legislators took me out of my comfort zone. I enjoy the challenge and the knowledge that the work I'm doing

now may change the lives of many in the future. Sounds a lot like teaching, doesn't it?

After work, I go home to three other volunteers. We live together in Bridgeport, CT. Although we all work at very different placements, we encounter similar joys and frustrations. It's nice to come home to people who truly understand what you're going through.

Our lives are simple in Bridgeport. We take the bus, walk or ride our bikes to and from work. We don't have a television. We receive a stipend to pay for rent, food, gas and electricity and then our personal stipend, \$85 a month. My roommates and I sit down to dinner every night and have great conversations. I've had time to read amazing books. I'm able to volunteer in my community. We are more than just volunteers, we are members of the Bridgeport community.

The final value of JVC is spirituality. At first, I was a little apprehensive because it is a Catholic organization and I'm not Catholic. I wondered, are these people going to try to convert me? But it's nothing like that; everyone in the program is extremely open-minded.

I've had the opportunity of a lifetime. You may think this is not for you. All I ask is that you check out their Web site or shoot me an e-mail (suzeq308@aol.com) if you have questions. And who knows, this may be your next step in life. ■



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Oktoberfest

YOUNG ALUMNI EVENT



AT THE
BROOKLYN BREWERY
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\$10 per person
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RSVP by Oct. 13
by calling the Brooklyn Alumni Office:
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September 23, 2006

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Gates open at 11 a.m.

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\$11 per ticket

For tickets, contact the Brooklyn
Alumni Office at 718.636.6882 or
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**SJC Night at the L.I. Ducks
vs. Atlantic City Surf
Baseball Game**
at Citibank Park, Central Islip

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2006
Gametime 7:05 p.m.

\$9 per ticket

For tickets, contact the Suffolk
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alumni@sjcny.edu.

Jazz Concert



Featuring the New-Trad Octet

Thursday, May 11, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Admission is free.

SJC Mall (outdoors, next to 256 Clinton Ave.)
at the Brooklyn Campus

In case of rain, event will take place in the Tuohy Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Council for the Arts.

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 Angela Orofino, assistant professor of child study
 S. Rose Catherine Stevens, C.S.J., former registrar on the Suffolk Campus



S. Rose Catherine Stevens, C.S.J.,

longtime registrar of Suffolk Campus

Sister Rose Catherine Stevens, C.S.J., 81, died January 27, 2006 at Maria Regina Residence in Brentwood. She was in her 64th year of religious life.

After graduating from St. Agnes Seminary H.S. in Brooklyn, Frances Stevens entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, in 1942. She became known as S. Rose Catherine Stevens. Dedicated to Catholic education, she taught on the elementary, secondary and college levels, at St. Patrick in Long Island City; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory, St. Brendan Diocesan H.S., all in Brooklyn; and the Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica. She earned her B.S. and M.S. in Biology from St. John's University.

In 1962, S. Rose Catherine joined the Science Dept. of St. Joseph's College. When the College opened its branch campus in Brentwood in 1973, she was appointed director of admissions and registrar. She held the position of registrar at the new Patchogue Campus location until her retirement in 1997.

Rev. Lawrence O'Leary, chaplain, was the main celebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial offered for S. Rose Catherine at Maria Regina Chapel on Jan. 31. The concelebrants included Msgr. James Coffey, Msgr. James McMahon, Msgr. Thomas Leavey and Rev. Louis Reuss. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Brentwood.

In her reflection offered at the Mass, S. Anne Lorraine Hann, C.S.J., described S. Rose as a dedicated educator and loyal family member who also "maintained a balance in her leisure time." Among other things, she liked to bake, knit, crochet and grow fresh vegetables. "She loved the outdoors," S. Anne said. "She took long walks, never missed the opportunity to swim and enjoyed camping." Her life was also "deeply rooted in her simple and accepting faith," she added.

S. Rose is survived by her brother-in-law, Michael Maher of Valley Cottage, NY, as well as nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. ■

Our thanks to S. Margaret Quinn, C.S.J., who wrote S. Rose's obituary for the Congregation.

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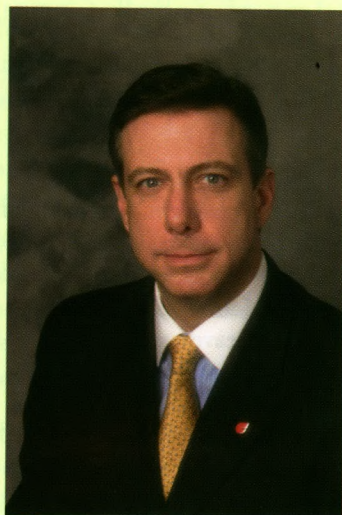
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For a complete listing of events, visit the College Web site at www.sjcny.edu.

EVENTS Spring '06/Fall '06 calendar



New Trad Octet



Peter Meyer



8-31

SJC Student Art Exhibit

The Board Room Gallery, Suffolk Campus
Sponsored by the Suffolk Council for the Arts

11

New Trad Octet: Jazz Concert

7:00 p.m., free of charge
 College Mall, Brooklyn Campus
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office and the Brooklyn Council for the Arts

15

BSN Graduates' Reception

5 p.m.; The Parlors, Brooklyn Campus
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

30

SJC 16th Annual Golf Tournament

Honoring Peter Meyer '87, regional VP,
 Brooklyn/Queens, Commerce Bank
 The Sands Point Golf Club, Sands Point, NY.
Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement

30

Suffolk Commencement & Reception

7:00 p.m., Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale

MAY

JUNE



1

Brooklyn A&P Commencement & Reception

5 p.m., Brooklyn Campus

2

Brooklyn A&S Commencement & Reception

4 p.m., Brooklyn Campus

23

Long Island Ducks vs. Atlantic City Surf

7:05 p.m., \$9 per ticket
Citibank Park, Central Islip
Sponsored by the Suffolk Alumni Office

JULY



7-23

Over the River and Through the Woods

July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22-8 p.m.
July 9, 16, 23-3 pm.
\$14; \$12 students and senior citizens
Clare Rose Playhouse, Suffolk Campus

AUGUST



21

Brooklyn Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees

7 p.m., \$11 per ticket
KeySpan Park, Brooklyn
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office



Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin



Sept. 23

A Day at the Races Luncheon

11:00 a.m., \$35

Belmont Park, Elmont

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

Oct. 6

In a Different Voice: 2nd Colloquium on the Work of Women Theologians

Speakers: Dr. Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., and Dr. Maria Pilar Aquino, Univ. of San Diego.

9:15 a.m.–4 p.m., lunch served

D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk Campus

For fee information, please call 631.447.2739.

Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life

Oct. 11

"Presidents at War"

Presidential Lecture featuring presidential historian and bestselling author Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin.

12:30 p.m. Brooklyn Campus (for campus community)

7:30 p.m. public presentation Suffolk Campus (Auditorium)

Oct. 20

Oktoberfest—Young Alumni Social

7:00 p.m., \$10

Brooklyn Brewery, 79 North 11th St.

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

Nov. TBA

Dramatic Society and Chapel Players

Reception and play, free of charge

Auditorium, Tuohy Hall, Brooklyn Campus

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

Nov. 2

SJC 24th Annual Dinner Dance/Casino Night

Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement

Nov. 4

Fall Alumni Luncheon

Noon, \$70

Place TBD

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

Evolution the 'cornerstone' of modern biological study

by Dr. Moira Royston
Associate Professor of Biology
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Evolution is described as a cumulative change through time. This concept is often erroneously attributed to Charles Darwin, but he was not the first to propose that life changes through time. The Greeks, Anaximander (610–547 B.C.E.) and Empedocles (490–430 B.C.E.), developed ideas about change and how organisms assembled together—the ones that were most practical survived. Herodotus (484–425 B.C.E.) and Aristotle (384–322 B.C.E.) were aware of fossils, suggesting that their explanation may be changes in the positions of land and sea, changes that must have occurred over long periods of time. By the 17th and 18th centuries, worldwide explorations led to an increasing interest in classifying organisms and to the development of the sciences of geology and paleontology. One noted fossil collector was Thomas Jefferson, discoverer of the giant sloth *Megalonix jeffersoni* in western Virginia in 1796.

Thus Charles Darwin (1809–1882) was born into a time of intense discussion of the fossil record, innumerable discoveries of new species in faraway lands, and of course, the Industrial Revolution and Malthus' 1798 essay on overpopulation and limited resources.

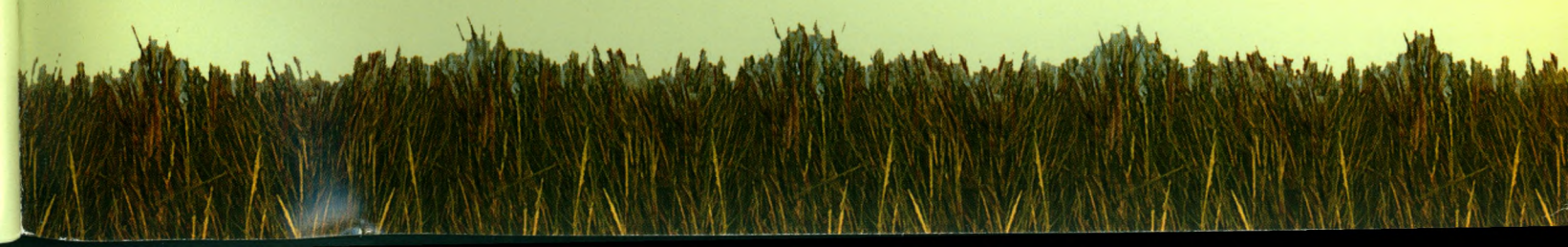
So why is Charles Darwin so intimately associated with evolution, to the point where it is often referred to as Darwinism? What Darwin did was to make use of information from a number of fields of study to explain the fact of biological evolution. He observed that variation exists among the members of a population; he observed that organisms produce many more offspring than can be supported by the environment (as argued by Malthus, and demonstrated by the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*, which can produce enough offspring to cover the earth 7 feet deep in 48 hours) and thus must compete with each other for limited resources—with most dying before reproducing.

In addition, he observed that in this struggle for existence, those organisms whose variations make them better at sur-

living are most likely to reproduce, and he proposed that offspring inherit the genes that made their parents better at surviving. Darwin defined the cumulative result of these factors as “descent with modification” or natural selection—what we often call “survival of the fittest.” That is a very apt phrase, for “fittest” means that organisms not only survive, but that they successfully reproduce. If an organism does not successfully reproduce, biologically it is as if the organism never existed. Without reproduction, the “successful” genes are not passed on to the next generation. Thus evolution only occurs when favorable variations of genes are passed on to future generations.

The fact of evolution now stands as the cornerstone of modern biological studies. It explains why the incredibly diverse forms of life all make use of the same four chemical bases for their genetic information. It explains why whales and pythons, which have no hind legs, both have remnants of hip and leg bones embedded in their bodies. It explains the similarities of animal form through descent from a common ancestor, and the differences in their forms by natural selection in different environments. And modern biological study is demonstrating the fact of evolution at the level of molecules. The genomes of a number of animals have been sequenced. What has been found is that most animals have essentially the same genes, but the way those genes are expressed is what causes the variation.

In 2005, researchers identified some of the molecular modifications that steer evolutionary change in organisms ranging from viruses to primates, and DNA studies on fruit flies are demonstrating the various rates of evolution in different genes. Darwin disappointedly wrote in *On the Origin of Species*: “The laws governing inheritance are quite unknown.” No longer, for Darwin's scientific descendents are now illuminating how evolution works and demonstrating evolution in action. ■



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